

Safety Matters

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WHAT DROWNING REALLY LOOKS LIKE



Key Facts:

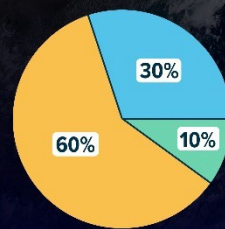
- Drowning is not what Hollywood and TV often portray. No splashing. No waving. No Yelling.
- It is fast and silent with most people unable to call out for help.
- 50% of children drown within 25 yards of a parent or other adult.
- 23% of child drownings happen during a family pool gathering.
- 70% of toddler drownings happen when the child isn't expected to be in the water (non-swim time).
- Drowning is the single leading cause of death in children ages 1-4.
- 88% of child drownings occur with at least one adult present.
- Drowning is preventable!

Get more facts from the National Drowning Prevention Alliance
ndpa.org.



2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

Season Probability



■ Above Normal ■ Near Normal ■ Below Normal

Named Storms
13 - 19

Hurricanes
6 - 10

Major Hurricanes
3 - 5

Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow NOAA's @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on X.

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Are you prepared for a hurricane?

PAY ATTENTION TO ALL WARNINGS FROM LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS REGARDING SHELTER-IN-PLACE OR EVACUATION. TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Think about what you and your family will do if you are at work, at the store, or otherwise separated from each other if a disaster happens.

- Identify local radio and television stations where you can find news and emergency alerts.
- Familiarize yourself with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency's (DEMA) shelter-in-place, evacuation, and sheltering information so you know what to expect.
- Download the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) phone app.
- Look at the DelDOT evacuation route maps and plan your routes.
- If you use DART or Paratransit, they reduce their routes and may stop completely right before, during, and immediately after a disaster.
- Before public safety officials tell you to evacuate, coordinate with friends and family outside the area for a comfortable place to go rather than staying at a shelter. Ask if they feel comfortable with having you in their home, potentially for several days or weeks.

Go to PrepareDE.ORG and NOAA.GOV for details and information.

Safety Focused



Housekeeping is a basic safety issue that refers to routine maintenance and up-keep of a workplace. Good housekeeping practices are a critical safety aspect that needs to be an integral part of every company's safety and health program. Good housekeeping practices reduce potential accidents and injuries, reduce fire potential, improve morale, and possibly make an operation more efficient.

Good housekeeping guidelines would include the following elements:

- Floors are swept or vacuumed on a regular basis to prevent accumulation of combustible materials
- Excess packing materials or scraps are disposed of properly
- Liquid spills on tile and other smooth surface floors are cleaned up quickly to prevent slips and falls
- Floors with the potential for grease accumulation are treated with effective cleaning agents
- Keep enough waste baskets and trash receptacles in each work area. A trash container should be equipped with self-closing lids
- Stairways, ladders, and platforms should be kept free from obstruction
- Materials should be properly stored (including flammable liquid cabinets if necessary)
- Paths of travel and aisle ways should be well marked and free from obstructions
- Storage shelving should be secured, stable and well organized
- Workstations should be organized and uncluttered

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Did you know?

OSHA's Safe and Sound Week this year is August 11-17; this is a nationwide recognition of the successes of workplace safety and health programs. The focus this year is providing resources and activities on emergency preparedness response for work or at home. Sign up today to participate and receive useful resources and get your worksite's participation recognized. Go to: [Safe + Sound Week Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)

Do you have employees working alone?

Identifying lone-working risks and putting procedures in place to address those risks is the most important step to keeping your employees safe.

- Ensure lone workers have no medical conditions that can make them unsuitable for working alone.
- Be aware that some tasks may be too difficult or dangerous to be carried out alone.
- Provide some level of supervision.
- Put contact and communications procedures in place for lone workers who may be faced with workplace violence.
- Check for any specific legal requirements or regulations in the state or industry.

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