



## A MESSAGE FROM LAURIE LAWRENCE

"Our goal is zero preschool drownings in children under the age of 5. This is achievable if everyone in our community takes ownership of the Kids Alive - do the five drowning prevention message".

Remember,

1. Fence the pool
2. Shut the gate
3. Teach your kids to swim - it's great!
4. Supervise - watch your mate, and
5. Learn how to resuscitate

### Death by drowning in children under 5

| Year        | Total deaths | Deaths in pools | Deaths in bathtub |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1997 - 1998 | 52           | not available   | not available     |
| 1998 - 1999 | 55           | 25              | 13                |
| 1999 - 2000 | 63           | 35              | 6                 |
| 2000 - 2001 | 35           | 13              | 6                 |
| 2001 - 2002 | 44           | 12              | 5                 |
| 2002 - 2003 | 35           | 17              | 5                 |
| 2003 - 2004 | 40           | 18              | 6                 |
| 2004 - 2005 | 28           | 15              | 2                 |
| 2005 - 2006 | 37           | 13              | 9                 |
| 2006 - 2007 | 35           | 16              | 6                 |
| 2007-2008   | 27           | 16              | 2                 |
| 2008-2009   | 32           | 19              | 1                 |
| 2009-2010   | 33           | 16              | 5                 |
| 2010-2011   | 28           | 12              | 4                 |

\*Information collected from the Royal Lifesaving Society's National Drowning Reports

- The Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit estimates that for every 1 child that drowns, 14 are taken to emergency rooms and 4 of those are admitted to hospital as a result of immersion.