

Bria's House



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Drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people every year. Although all age groups are represented, children four years old and younger have the highest death rate due to drowning. Most drowning and near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub.



Every year in Texas about 70 children drown or nearly drown. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of accidental injury deaths among kids under age five. Toddlers may not know how to swim, but they are naturally attracted to water and it only takes a few minutes for a child to drown. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury fatalities for children age 4 and younger. For children 14 and younger, drowning is second leading cause of unintentional injury fatalities. About 80 percent of drowning occur between May and September, according to Houston-based Save a Life--Prevent a Drowning .

Take The Steps...
It Will Make a Difference!

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**Water Safety
Is Important!**

Keep Your Kids Safe!



Bria's House is established solely to raise awareness and share with parents and their children the importance of water safety. While sharing my personal story, I plan to lead parents in the direction to get the information needed to prevent drowning and promote safe swimming. In the months to come my goal will be to go out to local YMCA's and pay for swimming lessons for families who are less fortunate, who are not able to pay for lessons and want the help. For now I will continue to share my story in hopes that it will touch and motivate parents to educate themselves on the importance of water safety .

My Story

In May 2005 I experienced a drastic change in my life. I lost my 4 year old daughter, Bria in a pool drowning. My first thoughts were, "Why me? I can't live like this. There is no place here for me anymore." It was a devastating time in my life. Thankfully, I have family who continually prayed for me. Grieving the loss of my daughter was hard, but I had to think about my living son. His life has abruptly changed also. He lost his sister, he didn't need to lose his mother. He deserved to have a mother to love him, support him, encourage him, and grieve with him. During the darkest days when I was sleep deprived and consumed with grief and tears it was the comforting thought that Bria would want me to live, love, and laugh again.. As I began to celebrate her beautiful life, my heart began to heal, my pain subsided and I began a new journey. I went back to school and I recommitted to my faith and my church. I dedicate more time to my son, making sure his life is full and meaningful. I believe that by returning to life, I began to live again. It was from my trial that I received my testimony. I am now a better person; a better mother; a better friend. It is absolutely the grace of God that sustains me and it is by His grace that I will accomplish all my future goals and hopefully make a difference in the lives of others.

Kids Play Safe



- Learn to swim
- Always follow pool rules!
- Always have an adult who knows how to swim, watching you at the pool
- Always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone.
- Walk around the pool to keep from slipping. Running can be dangerous!
- Never throw people into the pool. You and the other person could get hurt.
- If you get a leg or stomach cramp, call out for help! If you can get out of the water.
- Never swim when thunder or lightning is present.
- Leave the water if you feel tired.
- Actively supervise your children around water, and have a phone nearby to call for help in an emergency .
- Make sure your pool has four-sided fencing and a self-closing, self-latching gate, to prevent a child from wandering into the pool area unsupervised.