

**Bria's House**



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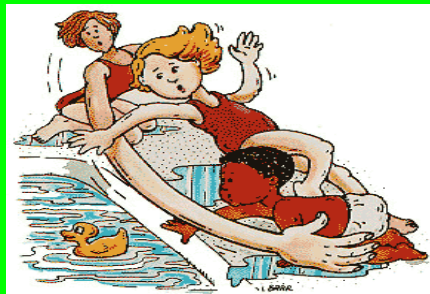
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Drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people every year.

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.

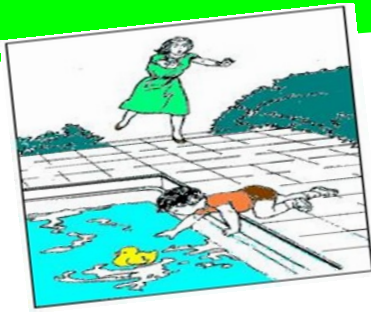
**Take The Steps...  
It Will Make a Difference!**

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**Water Safety Is  
Important!**

## Keep Your Kids Safe!



### Mission Statement

Bria's House is a nonprofit organization that is committed to:

- Raising awareness for pool safety.
- Assisting low-income families with the cost of swimming lessons and aqua safety equipment.
- CPR certification
- Encouraging parents to educate themselves on pool supervision and accident prevention.

Bria's Houses is in a **RACE** to reduce the rate of accidental drowning and pool injuries.

## 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!



- Maintain constant supervision. Watch children around any water environment (pool, stream, lake, tub, hot tub, toilet, bucket of water), no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water.
- Don't rely on substitutes. The use of bath seats, flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental/caregiver supervision. Such devices could suddenly shift position, lose air or slip out from underneath a child, creating a drowning hazard.
- Parents/caregivers should take an infant and child CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course. Knowing these skills is important around the water and will expand your capabilities to provide care for your child... it can be a lifesaver when seconds count.