SAFETY ALERT
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www.keepwatch.com.au

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Baby bath aids

Safety Checklist

× Never leave your young child alone in a bath.
× Never leave your young child in the bath in the care of an older child.
× Don’t use a baby bath aid with suction cups in a bath with an uneven or slip-resistant base, or where the enamel is worn—the suction cups will not stick to the bath surface.
✓ Keep water to a minimum depth, using only enough water to wet the child using your hands.
✓ Know how to perform resuscitation and CPR for infants.
✓ Carefully check the bath aid for any broken or worn parts before using.

Remember

⚠ Prepare the child’s clothes and towel before running a bath.
⚠ Ignore the telephone and the doorbell—if you need to leave the bathroom, take your child with you.

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Royal Life Saving
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Babies have drowned while using bath aids

Baby bath aids come in a range of styles from bath rings and seats to bathing cradles. The suitability of these products changes as your infant grows.

Six babies under 13 months have drowned in a bath aid in Australia over 10 years. Many more babies have come close to drowning.

These accidents happen when a child is left alone in a bath aid while their carer attends to tasks like answering the phone or preparing the child’s clothes.

A baby bath aid provides support for your child while leaving your hands free to wash the child. It is not safe to leave your child in a bath aid while you attend to other duties.

How could my child drown in a bath aid?

- **Bath aid tipping over**
  The suction cups may not completely adhere to the bathtub’s surface.

- **Child climbing out of a bath aid**
  The child climbs out of the bath aid into the bath water.

- **Entrapment and submersion**
  The child becomes entrapped in an opening of the bath aid.

Never leave your child alone in the bath, or in the care of an older child

New baby bath aids are required to carry the following warning, visible when the child is in the product:

**WARNING – Children have DROWNED while using bath aids. This is NOT a safety device. ALWAYS keep baby within arm’s reach. NEVER leave baby in care of children.**

Never—even for a moment—leave a child alone in a bath or a bath aid.