10 people die from unintentional drowning every day. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger.

Children ages 1 to 4 have the highest drowning rates. Drowning is responsible for more deaths among children 1-4 than any other cause except birth defects.

Children can drown in unusual conditions. In as little as one inch of water. Very quickly and silently. Lose consciousness in two minutes after submersion, with irreversible brain damage occurring within four to six minutes.

Locations where drownings most often occur*:

- **50%** Pool, hot tub, Jacuzzi
- **24%** Lake or pond
- **14%** Bathtub
- **6%** Bay, beach, canal
- **6%** Creek or river

* Based on 2013-2016 data

40 children have died from drowning in Harris County since 2013.

The main factors that affect drowning risk are:

Lack of swimming ability, Lack of barriers to prevent unsupervised water access, Lack of close supervision while swimming, Location, Failure to wear life jackets, Alcohol use, Seizure disorders

Sources:
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital Injury Prevention team
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services