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# Bathing Aids for Babies

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Water and babies are a dangerous mix. Drowning is the second most common cause of accidental death in children and young adults in Australia. Some of these drownings have occurred when babies were left alone in bathing aids such as bath rings, bathing cradles or infant bath seats.

## Baby bathing aids are NOT safety devices.

Parents and carers should use baby bathing aids with caution. Baby bathing aids, or the presence of other children, are no substitute for adult supervision. Babies and children can easily slip out of a bathing aid and drown.

## Safety at home

- Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason, even if only for a few moments. If you must leave, take the baby with you.
- Use only the minimum depth of water required to wash the baby, whether using a baby bathing aid or not.
- Don't leave a baby in the care of other young children.
- Never use a baby bath seat in a non-skid, slip-resistant bath - the suction cups will not stick to the bath surface. They can come loose unexpectedly.
- If suction cups show any sign of wear, discard the whole product immediately. Pay special attention to this if you intend purchasing or are given second-hand bathing equipment.
- Never use baby bathing aids in a bath with an uneven surface or where the enamel is worn.
- Never leave even a small amount of water in a bath - empty it immediately after use.
- Consider learning CPR first aid - it can save a life when the seconds count.

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