

Reducing Risk – The Safety Inspector



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Can you think about an area of water near you?
Write how you could keep yourself safe here.

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Temperature	Children and adults. Even on a sunny day, the water temperature can be extremely cold. This can cause the body to go into shock and stop even the best swimmers from being able to stay afloat. It could also lead to hypothermia.	In an area safe to swim, with adults to help, you could check the temperature of the water carefully by dipping your toe in the water. Remember that it gets colder the further from shore you get!
Currents	Children and adults. It is impossible to tell how strong the currents are. These can pull strong swimmers into danger, and can cause drowning.	Do not enter any area of water without an adult with you or nearby and giving you permission.
Not everyone can swim	Children and adults. Playing near water can be dangerous. Someone could fall in. There may not always be someone around to help, such as a lifeguard. This could cause drowning.	Do not enter any area of water without an adult with you or nearby and giving you permission.
Debris	Children and adults. Sadly, some people dump rubbish near water. Someone swimming in the area may find that rubbish stops them from being able to swim properly, or even traps them. This could lead to drowning.	Check the water safety board on the area of water that you are choosing to swim in. This will tell you the water quality. Always look out for debris and report.
Pollution	Children and adults. The water may have become polluted for a number of reasons. This could lead to damaged skin, breathing problems and even poisoning.	Check the water safety board on the area of water that you are choosing to swim in. This will tell you the water quality. Always look out for debris and report.
Deep water	Children and adults. It is almost impossible to tell how deep a patch of water is just by looking at it. If someone jumps into water that is shallower than expected, they may be injured. If water is deeper than expected, someone may not be able to stay afloat, leading to drowning.	Do not enter any area of water without an adult with you or nearby and giving you permission.