

**SUBJECT: FW: DRY DROWNING - CDC-INFO EMAIL-SWIM SCHOOL-STATISTICS
ON-NORMAL - MISDIRECTED**

Thank you for your inquiry. Recent media reports have incorrectly attributed to CDC data about incidents of "dry drowning." CDC supports international consensus defining drowning as "the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid" and does not distinguish between "wet" and "dry" drowning. Children most commonly drown when they get into a pool area unsupervised (for example, if there is inadequate fencing) or they are playing in or around water without constant supervision or lifeguarding. Most drownings happen quickly, and usually silently. Aquatic activities under appropriate circumstances and supervision are generally safe; additionally, swimming and water safety skills are important and can be life-saving. Learn more about preventing water-related injuries at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/drown.htm#how%20to%20prevent>.

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