

Unrealized Potential of Pool Fencing and Life Jackets to Prevent U.S. Drowning



Drowning is the number one cause of death among children aged 1-4 years in the United States.

Every year, at least **348 drowning deaths** could be prevented in the United States:

Adequate pool fencing could avert

51

drowning deaths.



Life jacket use while boating could avert

297

drowning deaths.

The estimated economic cost of drowning related to inadequate pool fencing is

\$900 million per year.



The estimated economic cost of drowning related to not wearing a life jacket is

\$3.6 billion per year.

Approximately **\$4.5 billion** may be saved annually with adequate pool fencing and the use of life jackets while boating.



Four-sided pool fencing and the use of life jackets are proven drowning prevention interventions. Promoting these cost-effective strategies could reduce the economic burden of drowning and save lives.

Full report can be found at this link:
<https://cdcf.link/drowningcost>



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