Water Safety

Learning to swim and be safe around the water is important in Florida. According to the Centers for Disease Control, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death of children ages 1-5 and second leading cause of unintentional death for children ages 15-19.

In order to best prevent drowning, layers of protection must be in place. According to the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, layers include supervision, barriers, alarms, swim training, and emergency training i.e. CPR.

In Citrus County, water safety and swimming lessons can be found at: Bicentennial Park Pool 352-795-1478 Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA 352-500-9622 Whispering Pines Pool 352-726-1995

For more information on water safety, contact the following organizations: American Red Cross Florida Department of Health National Drowning Prevention Alliance

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