

## Statistics: Children Drowning in Garden Ponds

Between the years 1995 and 2005, 147 children under the age of 6 drowned at a residential location, including those who were left momentarily in the bath, those who fell in buckets, those who drowned in residential swimming pools, and those who fell into garden ponds.

- This accounts for over half (63%) of all children under the age of 6 who drowned during this time.
- Of children who drowned at residential locations 58 (39%) were drowned in a garden pond.
- During 2005 alone, 5 children were drowned in garden ponds; this is about the average per year as shown by the statistics.
- Many of these deaths could have been prevented.

### 0-5 year old drowning in and around the home, by age, 1995-2005

	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
<b>Garden pond</b>	2	22	24	5	3	2	58
<b>Outdoor container</b>	0	3	7	0	0	0	10
<b>Residential swimming pool</b>	2	5	8	4	2	1	22
<b>Bath</b>	20	15	11	8	1	2	57
<b>Total</b>	24	45	50	17	6	5	147

Source: RoSPA Drowning Statistics