

Warning!

A bath support is not a safety device. Children have drowned even with bath supports in place when being bathed.

Never leave children unattended near water.

Young children can drown in bathtubs, buckets, toilets, spas, hot tubs and other containers of water.

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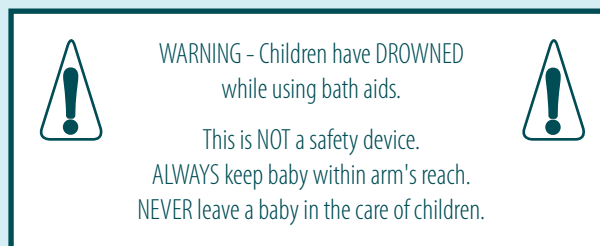
Never leave a baby in the bath, **for any reason**, without the supervision of a responsible adult.

Safe use of baby bath supports

- ◆ Never leave a baby alone in a bath seat. The presence of a baby bath seat or support does not make it safe to leave your child unattended. **The support is a bathing aid, NOT a safety device.** Babies may slip through or climb out of the bath seat or support and can drown.
- ◆ In a non-skid, slip-resistant tub, never use a baby bath seat or support that has suction cups. The suction cups won't stick to the bathtub, or they may detach suddenly.

The law

The law requires that bath seats and cradles supplied from 1 August 2004 must have a prescribed warning notice permanently attached in a prominent position. A sample of a warning appears below.



The warning is attached to products to remind parents and carers that the products have been implicated in drowning. Read the warning and take notice of the message.

Reducing the risk of drowning in the home

Young children have drowned in bathtubs, buckets, toilets, spas, hot tubs and other containers of water. Keep your child out of harm's way.

- ◆ Never leave a baby alone in the bath for any reason – not even for a second. If you must leave, take the baby with you.
- ◆ Never leave any containers of water unattended, such as buckets containing even a small amount of water. When you have finished using the container, always empty it immediately and store it away from young children.
- ◆ Always secure a safety cover or barrier to prevent children from gaining access to spas or hot tubs when not in use. Some non-rigid covers, like solar covers, can allow a small child to slip into the water while the cover appears to still be in place.
- ◆ Keep the toilet lid down to prevent access to the water. Consider using a toilet clip to stop young children from opening the lids.
- ◆ Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It can be a lifesaver.