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## **GLENDALE FIRE REMINDS RESIDENTS WATER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT YEAR-ROUND**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — As temperatures fall and Arizona's beautiful winter approaches, our attention tends to turn to holiday feasts, family gatherings and hopefully some time to relax. One of the last things on our minds is the swimming pool but water safety still needs to be front and center, especially when having large gatherings within your home.

In the wake of a water-related incident in Glendale last Friday in which an 8-month-old child survived a submersion incident after he was left unattended in a bathtub, the Glendale Fire Department wants to remind the community about the ABCs of water safety and provide some safety tips so everyone can have a safe and happy winter. Remember, water hazards are just as dangerous in the winter as they are in the summer. Drownings don't have an offseason...

- An adult who is watching a child should do just that—watch.
- Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have self-closing, self-latching gates.
- Remember the A-B-C's for pool safety:
  - o Always have Adult supervision around water.
  - o Barrier fencing around your pool is crucial.
  - o Classes: get involved—Adults should take a CPR class and teach their children how to swim.
- Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water: Never allow your children to play around canals; they are deep and have strong undercurrents.

- Never leave your children while bathing them in the tub or sink. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.
- Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog's water dish.
- The best drowning prevention tip is always to know where your kids are, especially when around water.

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