# **Drowning Prevention**

## Safety Area for Little Children

#### **Never** Pass By:

Teach little children <u>not to pass by</u> any water sources; they may slip and fall into the water.

Playpen



#### **Never Pick Up:**

Teach little children <u>not to pick up</u> a buoyant object on the water on their own; they are supposed to ask an adult to do that for them.

#### **Never Bend Down:**

Teach little children<u>not to bend down</u> or poke their head up over a water container like a jar, a wash basin, a bucket, etc; they may topple into the water.

#### **Advice for parents/caregivers**

- Parents are advised to keep a close watch on their children. Their negligence for a few minutes like doing housework, making a phone call, opening-closing the house gate, going to the toilet etc may cause death to their children.
  - Parents are advised to prevent their little children from passing by water sources by means of emptying water containers after use, covering a water jar/tank
    with a lid, having a well fenced in etc.

Parents are advised to set up children's safety play area and have it fenced in.

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#### Little children's safety play-area

Parents/caregivers are advised to set up a safety play area for their little children and have it fenced in. Little children are therefore unable to go to any dangerous areas both inside and outside their house while their parents are busy doing personal affairs or housework.

#### Playpen

- A child safety fence is suitable for children aged O-2 years. Disassemble the fence whenever children can climb over it.
- A child safety fence should be at least 51 centimetres high (and for cribs which are to sleep children, 66 centimetres).
- The spaces between the pickets must not be wider than 6 centimetres.
- The pickets should be vertical. If they are horizontal, children can easily climb over the fence.
- A good quality lock should be fitted on the fence door.
- A child safety fence should be made with standard safety materials.

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## **Proper knowledge**

Each year more than 200 Thai children under the age of 5 years die of drowning.

> Buckets, wash basins, water jars, bathtubs, and fish ponds are risky water sources for little children.

Little children will be safe if they play in a safety area provided by their parents. It is necessary to teach children not to pass by any water sources, not to pick up buoyant objects on the water on their own, and not to bend their head over any water sources.

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