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WATER SAFETY IS JUST AS IMPORTANT IN THE WINTER

Glendale, Ariz. — As temperatures drop 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; however, water safety still needs to be front and center, especially when having large gatherings at your home.

In the wake of 2 drowning-related incidents in Glendale last Friday in which a 3 year old child lost her life, the Glendale Fire Department reminds the community about the ABCs of water safety and provides 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 off season...

- 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 of water safety:
 - **Adult supervision:** Always watch children around water.
 - **Barriers:** fencing around your pool is extremely important.
 - **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 children unattended while bathing. 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 to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

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