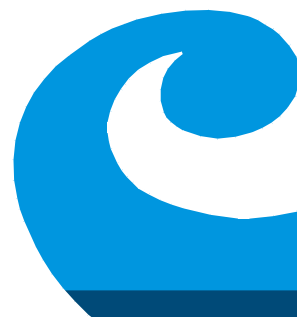




Safe
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safe products

Baby Bath Aids

Your baby will still need careful supervision in the bath if you are using a bath aid. Babies and small children should always be supervised near water.

Babies have drowned while using bath aids

These are products like baby bath seats and baby bath rings that support an infant sitting in a bath.

The suitability of these products changes as your child grows.

They can be useful for those mums and dads with bad backs or those who simply wish to free up both hands while bathing the child.

Although useful, it's important to remember that there are associated risks when using these types of products – and supervision is still essential.

Safety Checklist

- Never leave your baby unattended in the bath – always supervise.
- Never leave your child in the bath in the care of an older child – they may not recognise or react fast enough if a baby is getting into difficulty.
- Always check the bath aid for any worn or broken parts before using.
- Don't use a baby bath aid with suction cups in a bath with an uneven or slip-resistant base, or where the enamel is worn – the suction cups will not stick to this type of bath surface.
- Use only enough water to wet the child using your hands.

Remember

Always supervise babies and small children in the bath, and always:

- prepare the child's clothes and towel before running the bath
- ignore the telephone and the doorbell, and
- if you need to leave the bathroom for any reason, take your child with you.

How could my child drown in a bath aid?

Bath aid tipping over

- The suction cups may not completely stick to the bathtub's surface.

Child climbing out of a bath aid

- The child climbs out of the bath aid into the bath water.

Entrapment and submersion

- The child slips through and becomes entrapped in an opening of the bath aid.

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