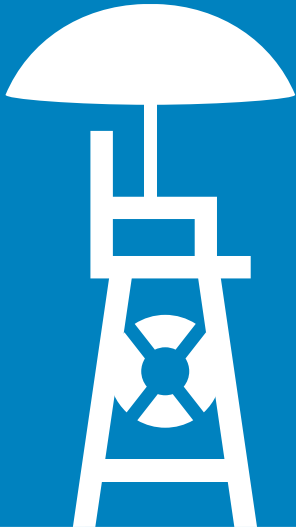




Many of those polled in a recent American Red Cross survey believe the myths about water safety...



63%

of families with children will swim somewhere without a lifeguard on duty

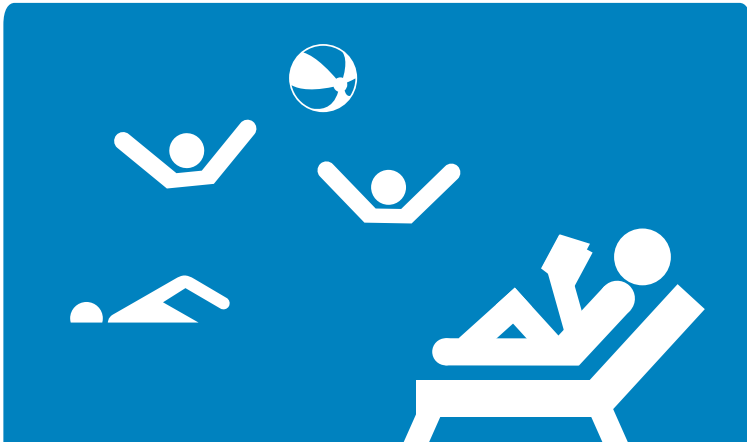


67%

believe "water wings" keep kids safe in the water

93%

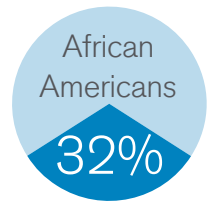
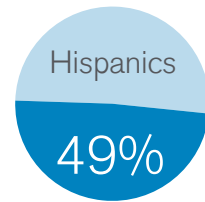
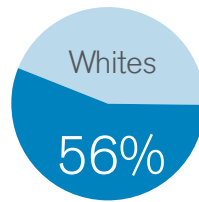
were unable to identify the correct order of steps for helping a swimmer in danger



11%

think it's OK to read or talk on the phone when supervising children in the water

How many Americans have taken swimming lessons?



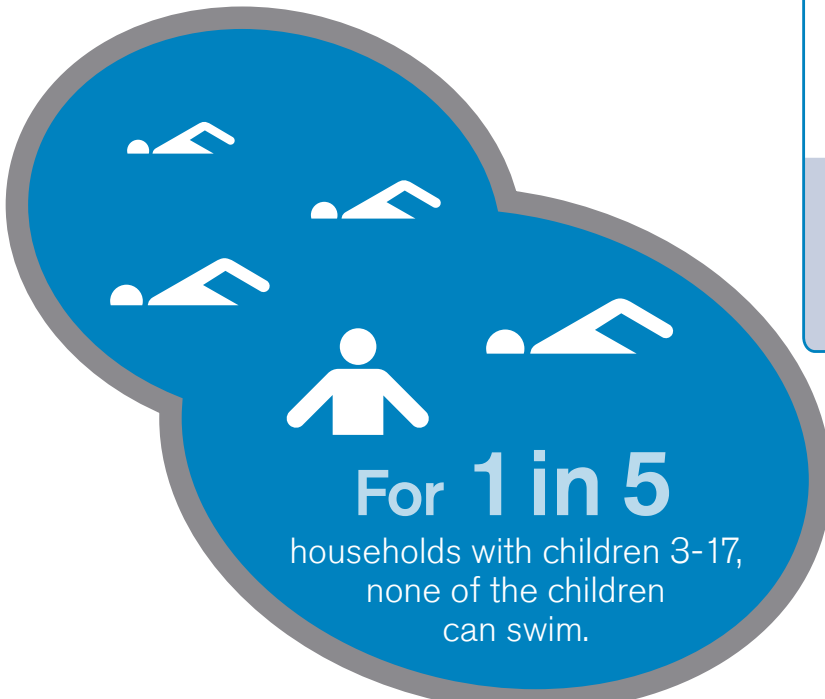
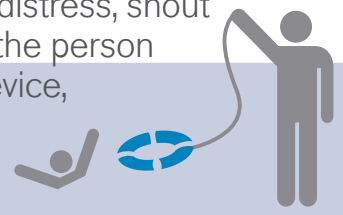
Almost half

say they've had an experience where they were afraid they might drown.



What to do:

If you see a swimmer in distress, shout for help, reach or throw the person a rescue or floatation device, tell them to grab on to it and call 9-1-1 if needed. Give care as needed.



Be water safe this summer.
Learn more at redcross.org/watersafetytips

Note: All findings based on a telephone survey of 1,011 U.S. adults 18 years and older on April 11-14, 2013. Comparison findings based on a telephone survey of 1,002 adults 18 years and older on March 20-23, 2009.