

RESOLUTION

Subject: Childhood Water Safety
Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, over ten percent (10%) of the pediatric deaths in the last decade in Kentucky were from drowning. Drowning is the third most leading cause of unintentional injury death for all children in the Commonwealth over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, swimming is the only sport which can save your life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA advocate for a law requiring all public and charter schools to provide information regarding water safety education courses and swimming lessons and diving safety to a parent, legal guardian or person standing in loco parentis on the important role that water safety education courses and swimming lessons play in saving lives. This information must be supplied electronic or hardcopy, and identify options, if available within the vicinity of the public school or local school system, for age-appropriate water safety education courses and swimming lessons. This information shall be provided directly to students 18 years of age or older or under the age of 21 enrolled in adult education classes with the same specifications.

References:

1. The Mortality Report for Kentucky AAP 2023
2. Every Child a Swimmer Program – Casey McGovern, Executive Director
3. Referencing Proposals for this purpose for Georgia, Florida and Arkansas