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Near Drowning Highlights Need For Water Safety

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The tragic near drowning of a toddler in Sydney's western suburbs has highlighted the importance of year round water safety.

On Tuesday afternoon a 2 year old boy was discovered in a backyard pool and rushed to hospital. It is believed the boy accessed the pool by himself, despite it being fenced.

Former Olympian and local swim school owner, Ron McKeon, has renewed his call for Wollongong families to become familiar with the "*Layers of Protection*" to help reduce the risk of tragedy.

"Drowning prevention is about providing as many layers of protection as possible. If one layer fails, then there is another behind it that may save a child's life. As over 50% of drownings happen outside the summer months, families must be diligent, even in winter, to prevent more tragic accidents like this from occurring."

The "*Layers of Protection*" include:

- Supervision: Constant monitoring by a competent adults
- Barriers: Suitable pool fencing
- Swimming and Water Safety: Year round swimming and water safety lessons
- Emergency Action Plan: Learn CPR

McKeon's Swim School operates from locations at Unanderra and Towradgi.

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"Sharing our love of water"