



## **Ambulance Service of New South Wales**

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### **Water Safety Appeal**

As the school holidays draw to a close, Ambulance officers are again urging parents to be vigilant in their supervision of children around swimming pools.

The appeal follows two incidents involving young children in swimming pools today.

- A 2yo girl was pulled unconscious from a swimming pool in Blayney shortly after 1:40pm this afternoon. The girl was conscious and in a serious, but stable, condition when transported to Blayney Hospital.
- A second incident in West Wallsend, which occurred at almost exactly the same time, has left a 7yo girl in a critical condition after being found unconscious in a swimming pool. The girl was transported to John Hunter Hospital.

Ambulance officers are shocked by these continued drowning incidents involving young children. In January this year, Ambulance attended 29 drowning/near drowning incidents involving preschoolers, prompting the issue of a similar appeal.

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