Perhaps in no other area of personal injury law, can a swimming pool accident attorney be of more importance than in ensuring that a client involved in a near drowning seeks immediate medical attention.

If you or a loved one have been involved in a swimming pool accident, visit our law firm website at <u>http://www.SebastianGibsonLaw.com</u> for more information and call us at any of the numbers easily found on our website.

A condition not often discussed is near-drowning or dry-drowning. This can occur hours after a person has nearly suffocated in water and with a build-up of water in their lungs, they can die after walking around and talking and performing other activities. Seek medical attention for yourself and any member of your family involved in a near drowning, even if you feel fine.

If you or a member of your family has been seriously injured in a swimming pool accident in California, you may also be wondering what steps you should take to provide care or to seek compensation for your injuries or loss.

Drownings don't just occur to kids and they don't happen just in swimming pools. A very small amount of water can be fatal to a small child. And an adult or a child who has had a near-drowning can still suffer brain damage, respiratory damage or death hours later.

Depending on the research you read, or the ages involved, drowning is from the fourth to the first cause of deaths to children. For children under the age of 14, drowning in swimming pools is the leading cause of death. Other studies put drowning fourth after guns, car accidents and burns for the leading cause of unnatural death of all children. The fact is, more people die in swimming pool drownings than any other type of activity.

A child however can drown in a beer cooler, a fish pond, another water feature, Jacuzzi, toilet, water bowl, stream, river, drain and any other place where their head can be in the water. Because of their disproportionate weight of their heads, a toddler can fall into water and find it difficult to lift their head or their body so they can breathe.

For every child that drowns, five are left with permanent brain damage or damage to their respiratory system.

So what can be done to prevent drownings? Vigilance is the word, whenever children are around water. Keep gates to pools closed and locked, and whenever possible keep covers on pools. Many people are unaware of electronic splash sensors that can be employed to sound an alarm whenever a splash is detected. And take a CPR course or take a refresher course.

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