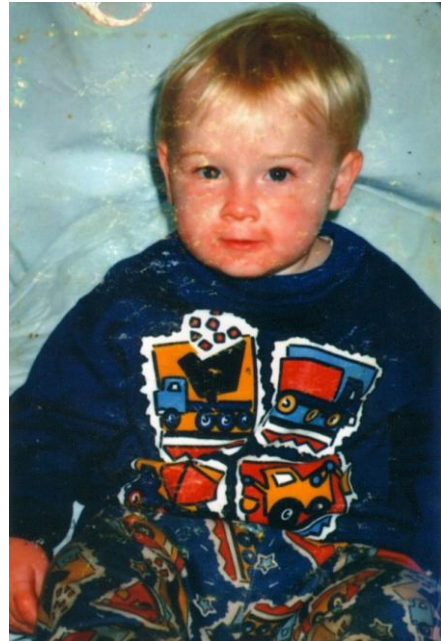


Liam's Story

My son Liam was 23 months old and he loved his trains, and playing music on his little guitar. One day he had just got home from his Nanna's place, and I took him to visit our friends, where there were other children for him to play with. Very soon, I noticed Liam was not with the others, and at first, I thought he had climbed the fence and wandered away. My friends and I immediately went looking for him in the house. We went next door and the neighbours joined in the search around the streets. I didn't know what to do and things became frantic and my friends called the police.



It wasn't until the police arrived, that we saw a tiny bit of Liam's shoes visible from the 44 litre bucket that he had fallen into in the front yard of the house we were visiting. Liam was submerged upside down and not breathing. I helped with CPR until the ambulance arrived, and then I went crazy as they would not let me near him while they continued to try and save his life. Tragically, Liam was unable to be saved.

How STUPID I was for letting him out of my sight! Why didn't I walk around the yard to check for dangers before hand?

I would like to say to other parents, PLEASE be extra careful, supervise your children, and make sure you check to make sure that there is no water in buckets or anything that is dangerous. I am hoping that by telling my story, other people don't have to go through the nightmare I have endured. Please don't think it can't happen to you.

Annette (Liam's Mum)