Lakes are not pools

For parents, caregivers, teens, adults

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What this infographic says

Natural water hides currents, drop-offs, cold water and murky depths.

- Almost half of drowning deaths of people 15 and older happen in natural water.
- Enter unknown water feet first.
- Children should wear life jackets in, on and near lakes and rivers.
- In 2024, 91% of people who drowned at Army Corps lakes and rivers were not wearing a life jacket.

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