

children are brought to emergency departments for unintentional medication overdoses. Approximately 95% of medication-related emergency room visits in children under age 5 are due to ingesting medication while unsupervised (Budnitz and Salis, 2011) (Fig. 1-6). Intentional poisoning, associated with drug and alcohol abuse and suicide attempt, is the second leading cause of death in adolescent females and the third leading cause in adolescent males.



FIG 1-3 **A**, Drowning is one of the leading causes of death. Children left unattended are unsafe even in shallow water. **B**, Burns are among the top three leading causes of death from injury in children 1 to 14 years old.