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### **Free Door Alarms for Families with Pools**

Free door alarms to be distributed at August 2<sup>nd</sup> back to school event

**Brooksville** — Florida leads the nation in drowning deaths in children between the ages of one and four. As part of the Waterproof Florida campaign, The Florida Department of Health and Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. are teaming up to provide free door alarms for families that have young children and pools. Free door alarms will be available while supplies last at the *Eat Smart for a Healthy Start* Back to School event sponsored by the coalition. The event will take place from 4pm-6pm at the Brooksville Library, 238 Howell Avenue.

In addition to installing door alarms, the Florida Department of Health recommends that families with pools or access to other swimming areas follow three simple steps:

- ✓ Designate a water watcher to supervise children while they enjoy their time in the pool.
- ✓ Set up barriers to detour children from entering the pool area unattended, and
- ✓ Know the proper life-saving skills in case of an emergency.

For more information visit [www.waterprooffl.com](http://www.waterprooffl.com), and keep the pool a safe place for kids this summer. For local information, contact the Hernando County Health Department, 352-540-6817.

For more information about the ELC and its services, visit [www.phelc.org](http://www.phelc.org).

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## July is Water Safety

The Hernando County Health Department and the Pasco Hernando Early Learning Coalition is teaming up to offer free door alarms for families that have young children and pools