

## **Boy, 1, drowns in pool on Grand Island**

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A little boy accidentally drowned Saturday morning in his backyard swimming pool on Grand Island.

Erie County sheriff's officials are still trying to determine exactly what happened at the home on Old Carriage House Road, and did not release the name of the 1 1/2-year-old victim or the names of his parents.

"It appears that the child went outside the residence in the early morning hours and fell into the in-ground swimming pool," said Sgt. Greg Kent, with the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

At about 7:30 a. m., the toddler's family realized the boy wasn't inside the home, investigators said.

They found him unresponsive in the pool and called 911.

Emergency personnel from the Grand Island Fire Company and Twin City Ambulance arrived and administered CPR at the scene. The child was rushed to Kenmore Mercy Hospital, but he could not be resuscitated.

Sheriff's investigators also were trying to determine how the boy got into the pool. There is a fenced-in deck with a gate at the back of the house. It's not clear how the child got past the gate.

"The investigation of this tragic incident is ongoing," Kent said.

*News Staff Reporter Jay Rey contributed to this report.*