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Diving Disaster



Do you like swimming? Lots of children enjoy going for a swim on a hot summer's day. Children who live in the city might visit a swimming pool or they might even have their own backyard swimming pool. Others who live in the country might have a waterhole or river nearby where they go for swims. Some farmer's children have their own dam to jump in. No matter where you go for a swim you must always be careful. It is not uncommon for someone to dive into the water and bump their head on the bottom of the pool, riverbed or bottom of a dam. This can be very serious if you hit your head too hard. It can break your neck or damage certain muscles and nerves so they don't work properly anymore. You can become paralysed. You can lose control over your arms or legs or both. Maybe you have heard of a person who is a quadriplegic. People can also have hemiplegia or paraplegia.

Hemiplegia	<i>The leg and arm on one side of the body are affected</i>
Paraplegia	<i>Paralysis of the lower half of the body.</i>
Quadriplegia	<i>Both arms and legs are affected. The person has no movement or control over their arms and legs.</i>

Draw a person in each box, facing you or front on. Indicate with colours or stripes what part of the body is affected with hemiplegia, paraplegia and quadriplegia.

Paraplegia

Hemiplegia

Quadriplegia