

# 7 Warri: 8-year-old boy drowns in hotel swimming pool

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**T**ragedy struck yesterday in Warri, Delta State, as an eight year-old boy drowned in the swimming pool of a popular hotel, on the ever-busy Refinery Road, Warri.

It was learnt that the deceased who accompanied his aunt, his mother's sister to the hotel for the New Year celebrations met his untimely death at the hotel swimming pool.

The deceased whose identity could not be ascertained at the time of this report, was said to have left his aunt where they were seated and went to any part of the hotel premises to play.

The aunt who could not comport herself as she was worried about the whereabouts of the boy,

raised the alarm when she did not see the boy, which attracted other persons in the hotel.

Consequently, a search party was organised where many persons including security personnel joined in the search for the missing boy within the spacious hotel, name withheld.

Having combed the area for hours, a security personnel was said to have raised the alarm on discovering the floating body of the boy in the swimming pool.

Efforts to save the boy proved abortive as the deceased had already consumed a lot of water, just as a nearby hospital where he was rushed to could not help resuscitate him.

The aunt who could not be consoled fainted several times and was taken to the nearby hospital for treatment.