

DROWNING PREVENTION IN 2024: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

EVERY YEAR OVER
300 000 PEOPLE
LOSE THEIR LIVES
TO DROWNING



PROGRESS MADE



Since 2000, the global drowning death rate has **decreased** by

38%

81%



of countries provide free national weather alerts

which can **reduce risk of drowning** at the time of adverse weather events

76%



have national disaster warning systems



ONGOING CHALLENGES

Drowning is the fifth leading cause of death for children aged **1-4 YEARS**



and the third leading cause of death for children aged **5-14 YEARS**



38%



of countries provide **lifeguard services** at public swimming venues at the national level

28%



of countries have national childcare programmes which provide **adult supervision** of preschool children



72%

of countries collect at least **one source of national data** which provides **information** on who drowns, where and why.

This information is **critical** for informing **effective prevention measures**

19%



countries have national laws which **regulate the use and sale of alcohol** nearby public waterways

29%



run national awareness campaigns on the **dangers of drinking alcohol** near water



World Health Organization

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