

HONG KONG SAR (CHINA)

Population:
7 507 400

Income group:
High

Gross national
income per capita:
US\$ 48 630 (2020)



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES HONG KONG SAR (CHINA) HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? YES

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Meteorology Department | Maritime safety | Leisure and Cultural Services Department | Social Welfare Department

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

	AVAILABLE	COVERAGE	EVALUATED
Physical barriers	●	HIGH	-
Swim skills training	●	MED	NO
Childcare	●	HIGH	NO
Public awareness on drowning	●	-	NO
Manage flood risks	●	HIGH	YES
Disaster warning systems	●	HIGH	YES
Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating	●	-	NO
Rescue and resuscitation	●	HIGH	NO
Lifeguards	●	HIGH	YES
Search and rescue	●	HIGH	-
Maritime safety	●	HIGH	-
Media	●	-	-

SOURCES OF DROWNING DATA

SOURCE OF DATA	TYPE OF DROWNING CAPTURED			
	FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*	NON-FATAL	INFORMATION COLLECTED*
Vital registry	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	N/A	-
Verbal autopsy	-	-	N/A	-
Hospital admission data	-	-	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Hospital emergency department data	-	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-	-
Transport sector	-	-	-	-
Education sector	-	-	-	-
Maritime safety	-	-	-	-
Coastguard	-	-	-	-
Tourism sector	-	-	-	-
National community survey	-	-	●	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Media	-	-	-	-

■ Age ■ Sex ■ Type of drowning event ■ Activity ■ Water body

Drowning deaths in community settings are captured YES
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have died NO
Persons missing at sea are assumed to have drowned NO

PROPORTION OF DROWNING DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL 7.3%

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES HONG KONG SAR (CHINA) HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? YES

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? NO
If yes, please specify:

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? NO

Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy? N/A

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY		ENFORCEMENT	
		LIMITED	MAXIMUM
Mandated registration of watercraft	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Owner/Operator		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	NO	-	-
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: - -			
Law against drug use and boating	NO	-	-
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	●●●●●●●●	8
Specific standard of lifejacket required	EN ISO 12402, and by LSA code		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	●●●●●●●●	8

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:
Occasionally vessels less than 10 metres in length, with an engine power of less than 12 kW

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	YES	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	YES	●●●●●●●●
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	●●●●●●●●

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

Required competencies for swimming instructors	NO	-
Required competencies for lifeguards	YES	●●●●●●●●

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

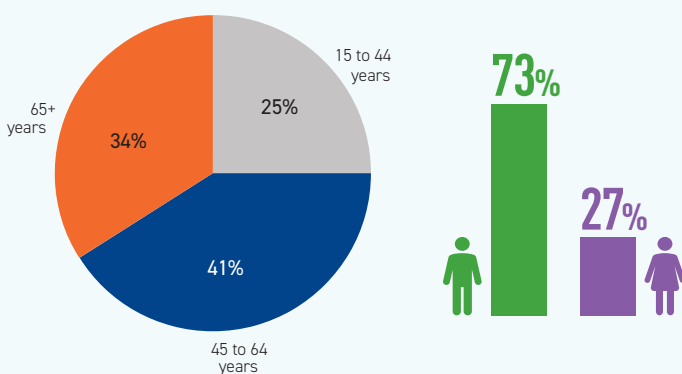
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	-
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DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics	YES	●●●●●●●●
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- No response or not applicable

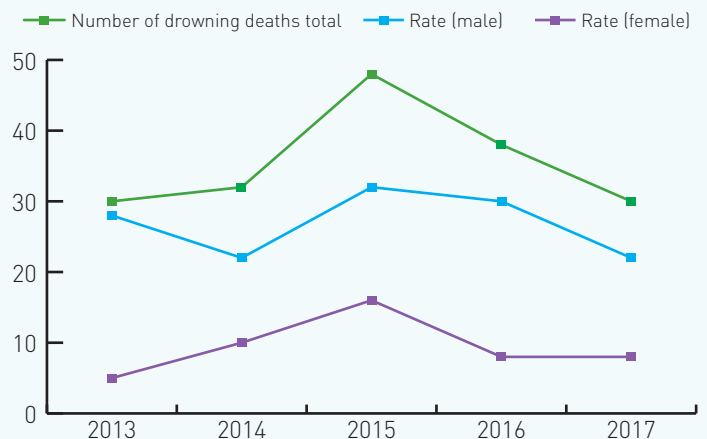
SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP^a



^a Data from Department of Health

^b Data from Department of Health

NUMBER OF DROWNING DEATHS OVER TIME^b



* rate = age-standardized death rate