



## MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES JAPAN HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **NO**

### SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Meteorology Department | Ministry of Transport | Maritime safety | Coastguard/Military | Japan Life-saving Association

## INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

|  | AVAILABLE | COVERAGE | EVALUATED |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Physical barriers                                | -         | -        | -         |
| Swim skills training                             | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Childcare  | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Public awareness on drowning                     | ●         | MED      | YES       |
| Manage flood risks                               | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Disaster warning systems                         | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Public awareness on alcohol and swimming/boating | ●         | MED      | -         |
| Rescue and resuscitation                         | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Lifeguards                                       | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Search and rescue                                | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Maritime safety                                  | ●         | HIGH     | -         |
| Media  | ●         | HIGH     | -         |

## 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 **NO**  
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 **-**

## STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES JAPAN HAVE A NATIONAL WATER SAFETY STRATEGY? **NO**

Are measurable targets to reduce drowning included? **-**  
If yes, please specify:

Do these strategies align with relevant SDGs? **-**

Are plans underway, or is there interest, to develop a national water strategy? **-**

## LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

| MARITIME SAFETY  |                          | ENFORCEMENT |         |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
|  |                          | LIMITED     | MAXIMUM |
| Mandated registration of watercraft                                  | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Mandated licensing of watercraft                                     | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft                   | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Mandated licensing of the operator                                   | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft             | Operator                 | -           | -       |
| Law against alcohol consumption and boating                          | YES                      | -           | -       |
| If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit: 0.15 mg per litre |                          |             |         |
| Law against drug use and boating                                     | NO                       | -           | -       |
| Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity                        | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Restrictions on watercraft load capacity                             | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft                | YES                      | -           | -       |
| Specific standard of lifejacket required                             | National standards exist | -           | -       |
| Specific number of lifejackets required                              | YES                      | -           | -       |

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

**Complex exemptions exist in regard to vessel size, function, passenger capacity, engine wattage, and use on specified artificial ponds and waterways**

### CHILD SAFETY

|  |     |   |
|--|-----|---|
| Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools    | -   | - |
| Swimming lessons in school curricula               | YES | - |
| Structured adult supervision of preschool children | -   | - |
| Prosecution of neglect against children            | -   | - |

### WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

|  |   |   |
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| Required competencies for swimming instructors | - | - |
| Required competencies for lifeguards           | - | - |

### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

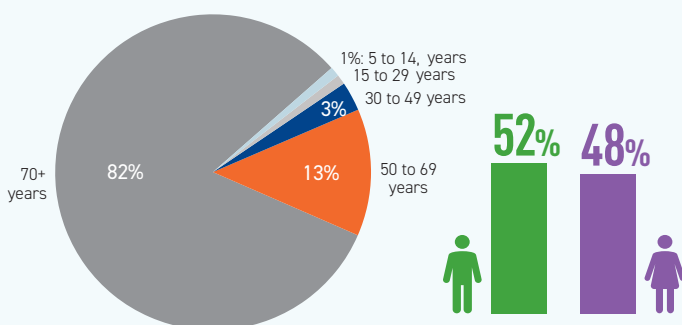
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| Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings | - | - |
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### DROWNING DATA

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

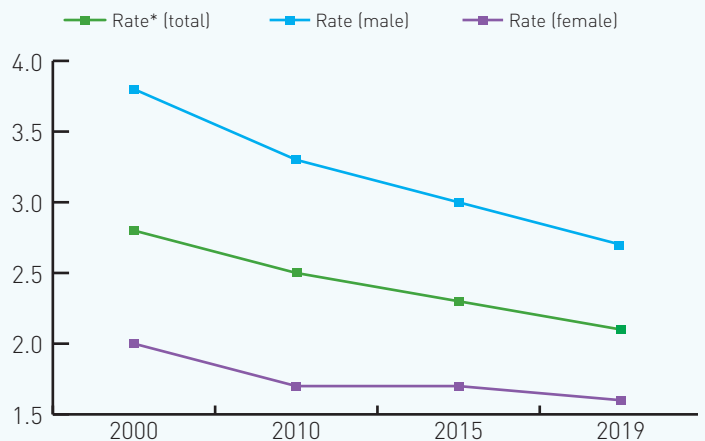
## SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

<sup>b</sup> GHE data, 2000-2019

## RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS<sup>b</sup>



\* rate = age-standardized death rate