

MARSHALL ISLANDS

Population:
58 791

Income group:
Upper middle

Gross national
income per capita:
US\$ 5010 (2019)



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE MARSHALL ISLANDS HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? **NO**

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Police | Disaster risk reduction | Ministry of Transport | Ports Authority | Red Cross | Trust Company of the Marshall Islands | Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

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

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES THE MARSHALL ISLANDS 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	6	6
Mandated licensing of watercraft	YES	6	6
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	YES	3	3
Mandated licensing of the operator	YES	9	9
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft	Operator		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	YES	-	-
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit:			
Law against drug use and boating	NO	-	-
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	8	8
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity	YES	8	8
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	8	8
Specific standard of lifejacket required	SOLAS		
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	8	8

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

Vessels measuring less than 12 metres in length

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	-
Swimming lessons in school curricula	NO	-
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	NO	-
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	7

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

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

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	6
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DROWNING DATA

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

SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

GHE data not available

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS

GHE data not available