



MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES MALAYSIA HAVE A NATIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR DROWNING PREVENTION? YES

SELECTED SECTORS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DROWNING PREVENTION:

Ministry of Health | Ministry of Education | Police | Safe Kids Malaysia | Maritime safety | Ministry of Transport | Fire and Rescue Department | Coastguard | Disaster reduction

INTERVENTIONS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

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

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 Not available

STRATEGY AND TARGETS FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

DOES MALAYSIA 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? -

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION FOR DROWNING PREVENTION

MARITIME SAFETY	ENFORCEMENT	
	LIMITED	MAXIMUM
Mandated registration of watercraft	●	6
Mandated licensing of watercraft	●	6
Mandated periodic safety inspections of watercraft	●	6
Mandated licensing of the operator	●	6
Individuals responsible for overall safety of watercraft		
Law against alcohol consumption and boating	●	6
If yes, specify blood alcohol concentration limit:		
Law against drug use and boating	●	6
Restrictions on watercraft passenger capacity	YES	6
Restrictions on watercraft load capacity		6
Mandated provision of lifejackets on board watercraft	YES	6
Specific standard of lifejacket required	YES	
Specific number of lifejackets required	YES	6

Watercraft often exempt from national maritime legislation:

Some exemptions exist to certain regulations, by state.

CHILD SAFETY

Fencing to exclude children from swimming pools	NO	2
Swimming lessons in school curricula	YES	3
Structured adult supervision of preschool children	NO	2
Prosecution of neglect against children	YES	8

WATER SAFETY COMPETENCIES

Required competencies for swimming instructors	YES	5
Required competencies for lifeguards	YES	5

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

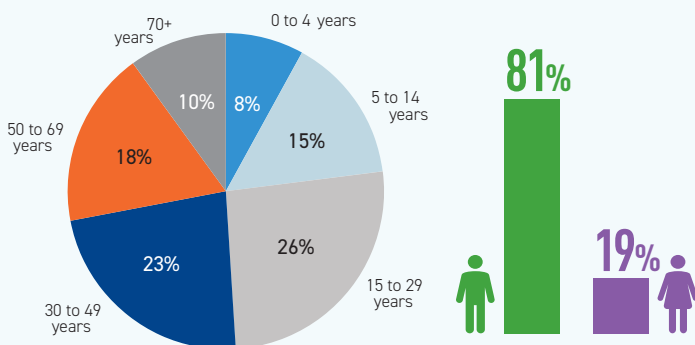
Private communication channels broadcast disaster warnings	YES	2
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DROWNING DATA

One agency maintains all vital registry statistics - -

- No response or not applicable

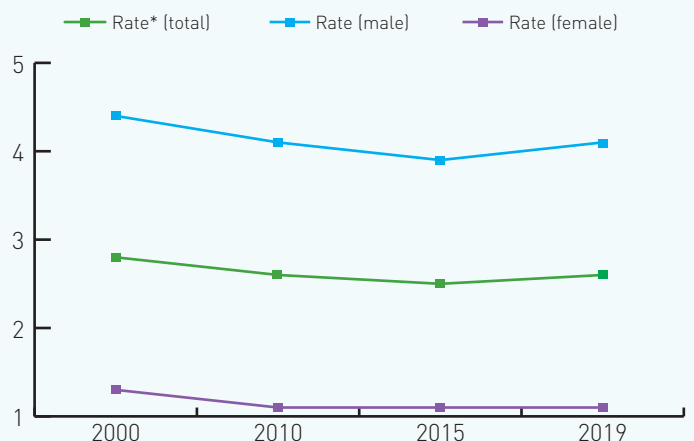
SHARE OF DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP^a



^a Global Health Estimates (GHE) data, 2019

^b GHE data, 2000–2019

RATE OF DROWNING DEATHS^b



* rate = age-standardized death rate