

WORLD DROWNING  
PREVENTION DAY 2022

# DO ONE THING TO PREVENT DROWNING

WORLD DROWNING PREVENTION DAY, held annually on July 25, was declared in 2021 to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities and offer life-saving prevention strategies.

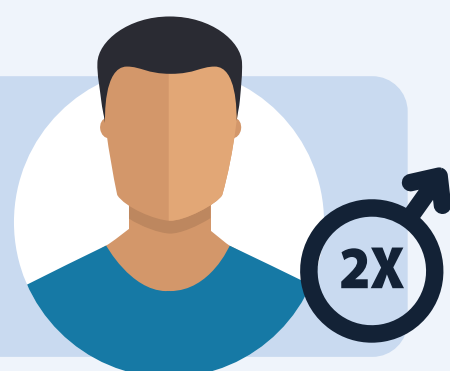
The 2022 theme builds upon this purpose and encourages everyone to "Do one thing – to prevent drowning."



Globally, **more than 235,000** people die from drowning annually

**91% of drownings** occur in low- and middle-income countries

Males are **2 times as likely** to drown than females










Children ages 1 to 4 have the **highest rate of drowning**

3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death



The World Health Organization has developed **drowning prevention** resources.

## What can we do?

-  Install barriers around water sources
-  Improve swimming and water safety skills
-  Supervise children near water
-  Develop a national water safety plan
-  Increase life jacket use on boats
-  Improve flood warning and response systems
-  Raise public awareness for safe rescue and resuscitation measures



TO LEARN MORE, VISIT

[www.who.int/health-topics/drowning](http://www.who.int/health-topics/drowning)

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