
Basic Aquatic Water Skill

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The International Life Saving Federation (ILS) is cognisant of the high representation of infants and toddlers in the drowning statistics around the world. In fact, it is the leading cause of death in this age group.

In recent years the ILS International Task Force was formed from representative organisations and tasked with developing Open Water Drowning Prevention Guidelines. There has also been some significant work undertaken in Bangladesh, Thailand, and Vietnam with the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research in collaboration with the Royal Life Saving Society, The Alliance for Safe Children and UNICEF.

The research findings and strategies have been instrumental in the formulation of the ILS draft Position Statement on Basic Water Aquatic Skill and the conference provides an opportunity to share the draft statement and more importantly to gather additional feedback before the document is submitted for final endorsement.

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