
Safer facilities or using facilities safely

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The Swimming Teachers' Association (founder members of the International Federation of Swimming Teachers' Associations) are researching British holiday makers on their perception of the safety facilities and environment of the swimming pool or beach when holidaying abroad. This is following the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) recent research that showed more children from the UK were drowning on foreign holidays than ever before.

The research will start with the RoSPA statistics covering the drowning of UK citizens whilst holidaying overseas to highlight the countries where we are more at risk.

The Research will seek to

Gain information from British holiday makers on their perception of the safety facilities and environment of the swimming pool or beach when holidaying abroad by an online survey. This will be targeted at the countries highlighted from the RoSPA research.

Establish contributory factors such as breakdown in supervision, facility features, reliance on safety being provided rather than being safe, unsafe activities, alcohol etc.

Objectives

From an analysis of the information gathered it is hoped to be able to suggest actions that can be taken to reduce deaths by drowning in these or similar circumstances.

Make this information available to the public and the tourist industry.

Consider the implications for citizens of other countries.

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