

Call for Submissions to Contribute to National Drowning Prevention Plan

The Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition would like you hear from you!

How can we implement a drowning prevention strategy that is helpful to all Canadian communities and individuals?

Although water-related death rates have fallen steadily in the past 20 years, the number of drownings in Canada remains high. Death related to drowning has claimed the lives of 2,392 Canadians in the past 5 years. Nearly all of these deaths were preventable.

The Canadian Drowning Prevention Plan is being developed in response to this issue, and will aim to reduce drowning and water-related injuries in Canadians of all ages.

Submit your ideas!

We are seeking comments about what to include in a drowning prevention strategy. Think about your experiences, your community, and/or your organization.

Please answer the following questions in fewer than 1,500 words total.

- How have you your community/your organization been impacted by drowning or near-drowning events?
- What are the three most important things that can be done to prevent these incidents?
- What are you/your community/ your organization prepared to do to prevent, or assist in the prevention of these incidents?

You can submit your ideas to:

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Submissions will be received until March 31, 2016.

Privacy notice:

- The Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition will consider your submission as a part of the public consultation process.
- Your submission may be made public as part of reports developed. Your personal information, such as your name and address, **will NOT** be released.

Information

World Health Organization Global Report on Drowning

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/drowning_global_report/Final_report_full_web.pdf

Drowning Rates in Canada 2015

http://www.lifesavingsociety.com/media/226591/2015drowningreport_web.pdf