

# WATER SAFETY

## FACT:

**DID YOU KNOW NATIONALLY THERE WERE 669 WATER-RELATED FATALITIES IN 2013 FROM WHICH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES WERE IN YOUNG ADULTS AGED 16-30**

### Safety Advice:

- **Take notice of safety advice – special flags and notices may warn you of danger**
- **Go Together – Children should always be accompanied by an adult**
- **Avoid river banks and open water when under the influence of alcohol**
- **Know what to do in an emergency – if you see someone in difficulty, tell a Lifeguard if there is one nearby or immediately dial 999 from the nearest telephone**



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# THE WATER SAFETY CODE:

**Follow the Water Safety Code to keep yourself safe when you are in, on or beside water**

**Learn to spot and keep away from dangers**

**The dangers of water include:**

- **Hidden currents – they can drag you under the water**
- **Water can be deep and difficult to estimate depth**
- **A river or open water is much more dangerous than a pool**
- **Cold water shock – low water temperature can numb limbs and claim lives**
- **Open water can be polluted and may make you ill**
- **You may not be able to see what's under the water; large rocks, dead branches, trolleys, all of which could injure you**
- **It can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)**

**REMEMBER:  
WATER CAN KILL SHOW IT RESPECT**

