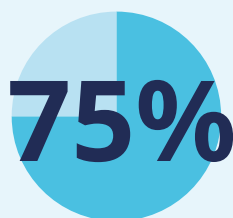


Drowning prevention: an infographic for policymakers in **disaster risk management**

When floods occur, drowning is a leading cause of death.

Drowning is a predictable and preventable cause of death during floods and other extreme weather events. **Preparedness saves lives.**

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of deaths during flood disasters are due to drowning.

1.6 billion
people

were affected by floods between 2000 and 2019¹.

What policymakers can do:

Establish coordinated governance and clear institutional mandates

for multi-hazard preparedness, response and recovery.



Implement inclusive, timely, multi-channel early warning systems

for floods and other climate-related hazards.



Establish and resource community-based preparedness and response teams,

which are trained and drilled regularly.



Benefits beyond drowning prevention

- 1** Stronger community capacity to act collectively and confidently before, during and after emergencies
- 2** Improved household resilience and faster recovery
- 3** Reduced pressure on emergency and health services
- 4** Stronger public trust in preparedness and response measures