

Drowning prevention: an infographic for policymakers in **transport**

Every journey by water should be a safe one.

Millions of people
depend on boats and
ferries every day to
reach work, school
and essential services.
**Safety must be at the
heart of water
transport systems.**

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Over 1,000

people die each
year in the global
passenger ferry
industry¹.

More than
90%

of ferry fatalities
occur on domestic
routes¹.

What policymakers can do:

**Align vessel
safety standards with
international best-practice,**
requiring routine inspection
and certification of vessel
structure, maintenance and
lifesaving equipment.



**Mandate training
and certification**
for commercial vessel
operators and crew in
emergency preparedness
and rescue.



**Enforce
operational systems**
to prevent overloading and
restrict operations during
hazardous weather.



**Benefits
beyond
drowning
prevention**

- 1** Greater confidence in water transport
- 2** Safer and more equitable access to work, school and essential services
- 3** Less disruption to daily commuting and trade
- 4** Reduced costs from vessel losses and insurance claims