



## IRISH WATER SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

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### Lifeguards rescued 413 swimmers last month.

The CEO of Irish Water Safety, John leech is urging the public to use the Local Authority manned lifeguarded bathing places to ensure there are no more swimming tragedies this summer. Please take heed of advice given by the lifeguards and supervise your children, as lifeguards are not baby sitters.

Lifeguards rescued 413 casualties from our beaches, rivers and lakes during the month of July, that is 146 less than for last July during that memorable heat wave.

There were 353 lost children reunited with their parents There were another 8,442 accidents prevented by the proactive actions of our lifeguards.

The CEO is also warning the public that due to the high temperatures in our waters, the prevailing westerly winds and Atlantic current, potentially dangerous jellyfish are appearing on our beaches. Portuguese man o 'war jelly fish have been reported on Bunmahon and Clonea strand in Waterford, whilst barrel jellyfish have been reported on beaches in Cork. For information on jellyfish and treatment of stings visit

<http://www.iws.ie/beach/jellyfish-safety.321.html>

County	Rescue	Rescued from Craft	First Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident prevented	Other
Carlow	0	0	95	0	455	157	47
Cork	20	1	155	12	2,927	1,308	5
Clare	24	40	524	29	6,247	1,669	164
Donegal	4	1	202	3	1977	576	0
Dublin	3	4	154	3	972	104	31
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	11	1	60	0	180	30	0
Fingal	14	12	199	29	3,113	426	19
Galway	7	10	49	4	443	61	148
Kerry	77	73	579	76	1,574	504	188
Kilkenny	3	0	14	0	151	3	12
Limerick Co.	0	23	19	1	81	36	0
Louth	0	2	43	3	594	69	50
Mayo	7	3	116	6	6,395	1,784	0
Meath	0	0	6	0	17	13	4
Roscommon	0	0	47	0	245	15	0
Sligo	0	0	25	7	48	35	21
Tipperary	1	0	32	0	17	13	4
Waterford	13	5	154	63	2,239	775	213
Wexford	4	0	187	24	678	45	878

Wicklow	4	46	781	97	77,500	819	88,191
Total	192	221	3441	357	105853	8442	89975

**In Marine Emergencies, call 112 and ask for the Coastguard.**

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