



IRISH WATER SAFETY AUGUST WATER SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

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Lifeguards rescue 559 swimmers during heat wave.

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 tragedies this summer. Take heed of advice given by the lifeguards and supervise your children, lifeguards are not baby sitters.

Irish Water Safety Lifeguards rescued 559 casualties from our beaches, rivers and lakes during the month of July, that is over 160 more than for the entire bathing season last year.

There were 575 lost children reunited with their parents which is 250 more than for the entire bathing season last year.

There were another 11,421 accidents prevented by the proactive actions of our lifeguards.

County	Rescue	Rescue Craft	First Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident prevented	Other
Carlow	4	0	24	0	258	57	6
Cork	4	5	108	15	2395	140	18
Clare	67	29	884	52	9958	4803	126
Donegal	17	13	180				
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	12	1	72	4	3100	930	0
Fingal	12	6	99	17	130	22	6
Galway	21	12	155	25	707	191	305
Kerry	63	151	833	197	2931	949	481
Kilkenny	7	1	30	0	130	130	0
Limerick Co.	1	3	8	0	85	27	21
Louth	0	2	19	3	46	12	0
Mayo	7	4	104	13	8570	2531	0
Meath	3		44	22	14	5	9
Roscommon	1	0	20	0	40	15	0
Sligo	24	65	374	34	1734	290	29
Waterford	11	5	239	135	2613	1060	238
Wexford	0	0	186	16	824	83	6
Wicklow	4	4	462	41	723	164	246
Total Lifeguard Actions	0	0	7	1	12	12	15
	258	301	3848	575	34270	11421	1506
		559					

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

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