

DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC

One more water-related death is one too many. PLEASE, TAKE HEED.

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WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE...

1. Tell someone where you're going and when you'll return.
2. Wear your lifejacket.
3. Never operate a vessel while impaired or intoxicated. Stay alert!
4. Never swim alone. Pay close attention to children and inexperienced swimmers.
5. Obey all warning signs and aids to navigation.
6. Pay attention to your surroundings and constantly monitor weather conditions.
7. Carry a cell phone.
8. Keep all required distress signals readily accessible and in serviceable condition.
9. Be seen.

JUST IN CASE...

In an emergency, immediately call for help and remember: *Reach, Throw, Row and Go*—

REACH the person in trouble by extending a releasable item such as a pole, line or rope to pull them to safety, but not by hand, as the rescuer could quickly become another victim.

THROW an object like a life ring, cooler or plastic jug to keep the victim afloat until professional help arrives.

ROW to the victim using a canoe or other safe watercraft. The rescuer must wear a life jacket. Once the victim is nearby, a rope or paddle should be extended and used to tow the victim to shore if possible.

GO to the victim by entering the water as a last resort and **ONLY** if properly trained. The rescuer should bring an object to keep the victim afloat and prevent being pulled under.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

IN A WATER-RELATED EMERGENCY, IMMEDIATELY CALL 911

NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE

Emergency response

410-260-8888

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Report suspicious activity

800-628-9944

CHESAPEAKE BAY HOTLINE

Water hazards & accidents

877-224-7229

