

Water Safety

In the summer months, people spend time in the lakes and rivers across our region. While the water can be a cool relief and something to enjoy, it's also important to be safe.

Did you know?



In 2021-22, there was an 18% increase in drowning deaths in Victoria compared to the 10-year average.¹

In the same years, 38% fatal drownings that occurred in inland waterways (rivers, creeks, streams, and lakes), making it the most common location for drowning.

What you can do



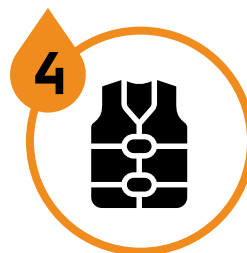
1 Always take a friend and look out for each other



2 Always supervise children near water



3 Avoid drinking alcohol and using drugs

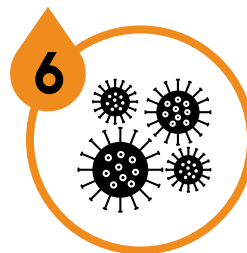


4 Wear a life jacket on a boat and fishing



5 Watch out for:

- deep water
- strong currents
- hidden holes
- objects under water
- slippery banks
- wildlife



6 Don't swim if you're unwell or if you have had any gastro symptoms in the last two days

¹ Life Saving Victoria. (2022). Victorian Drowning Report 2021 - 22. Life Saving Victoria: Melbourne.

