

Lifesaving Society Fall Forum

Welcome



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Agenda

- Lifesaving Society Updates
- Underwater Surveillance Systems and Impact on Lifeguard Surveillance at Peter Hemmingway Fitness & Leisure Centre
- Air Quality – Indoor and Outdoor Facilities
- Public Aquatic Facility Safety Standards Update
- World Conference on Drowning Prevention Highlights



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Lifesaving Society Update

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Updates

- Organizational
 - Staffing, SHOP, Website
- Drowning Prevention
 - Research, Swim to Survive+, Initiatives & Projects
- Safety Standards
 - Publications, Audits
- Training Programs
 - Bronze Medals Revision, National Lifeguard Review
- Sport
 - Festival of Lifesaving, Coaching Symposium, LERC



Research Update

- Background
 - Despite declines in Canadian drowning fatalities since 2005 many current definitions of drownings fail to incorporate incidents of non-fatal drownings.
 - When compared to drowning incidents where a fatality has occurred, there has been a limited number of Canadian studies on non-fatal drownings.



Research Update

- Goals of our research
 - The Lifesaving Society and the Injury Prevention Centre have partnered together on a project that will initiate research into non-fatal drownings in Canada.
 - More specifically our objectives for the project are to:
 - Calculate rates of non-fatal drowning events in Alberta and analyze the characteristics of the non-fatal drowning events as well as the demographic characteristics of the individuals who suffered said event.
 - Compare incidents of non-fatal drownings in aquatic facilities across various neighborhood measures such as median income, education level, percentage single-parent families, and percentage of new Canadians.



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Data Collection Strategy

- In order for us to complete this project we will need data from individual pools.
- To effectively collect the data from each pool, we propose the following data collection options that pools can select from:
 - The IPC sends an Excel spreadsheet to your organization where someone from your organization enters the data in the spreadsheet based on information from incident reports and/or other databases. Once the data has been entered accurately, your organization will then send the spreadsheet back to the Injury Prevention Centre where it will be stored and analyzed on a secure desktop computer.
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