



### **Duties of Water Safety Development Officer**

1. Liaise with Irish Water Safety and County Committee on behalf of Local Authority and attend at meeting for that purpose.
2. Act as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of local committee as may be required.
3. Organisation of fund-raising to meet targets laid down by the Irish Water Safety.
4. Arrange for preparation of water safety budget and secure Local Authority contributions to Irish Water Safety.
5. Arrange for purchase of water safety equipment for beach guards, lifeguards, instructors and examiners.
6. Recruitment and supervision of lifeguards/beach guards particularly in bathing areas of national and tourist interest.
7. Arranging for the erection of ring buoys and safety equipment in both areas and the carrying out of spot checks with a view to replacement as necessary.
8. Reporting to County Manager on all aspects of water safety.
9. Arranging for water safety reports on beaches and other aquatic locations in the interest of water safety.
10. Drawing up of safety plan of bathing areas in consultation with appropriate public bodies with particular reference to the necessity to zone areas for particular types of water activity.

11. Dealing with media on various aspects of water safety i.e. promotion of water safety, swimming instruction and awareness of dangers. Also dealing with media as may be required in relation to major drowning incidents.
12. Act as liaison officer and contact person with various bodies such as voluntary inshore rescue, sub aqua clubs, beach guard clubs, boating organizations and surfing groups.
13. Arranging for implementation of water safety programme including booking of pools, transport, recruitment of instructors and examiners.
14. Acting as liaison officer when required in relation to water safety in private pools and assisting with the recruitment of trained personnel in such pools.
15. Visiting National Schools to distribute "School Pack" Scheme, as necessary.
16. Responsibility for Water Safety Code issued by the Department of Environment.
17. The above list of duties is not exhaustive and it is open to each Manager to assign new duties to Water Safety Development Officers from time to time.