

**Water Safety Ireland**  
**Water Safety Guidance Note Number 3:**  
**Management of Traditional Bathing Areas (Non Designated Bathing Areas)**

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**Traditional Bathing Area (Non DBA)**

*\*A Traditional bathing area (Non-DBA) is a aquatic location where a seasonal daily average of 25 bathers may be present during the bathing season and is a historical popular local bathing area.*

**1. Risk Assessment of Traditional Bathing Area (Non DBA)**

1.1 Traditional Bathing Area (Non DBA) to be risk assessed:

- At least once
- Following a serious incident within the traditional bathing area (Non DBA)

1.2 The local Authority can decide if a location is required to be risk assessed.

All risk assessment requests should be directed to the Chief Executive of Water Safety Ireland (WSI). The approved risk assessment report should be issued with the minimum of delay after the date of completion and review of the risk assessment. WSI shall ensure that any Non-DBA risk assessment carried out is accredited by ILSE. The ILSE accredited Risk Assessor, shall be supplied with all necessary documentation and maps in relation to the DBA. The WSDO may accompany the risk assessor if considered necessary.

1.3 Local Authorities shall implement the recommendations of the risk assessment report within a reasonable period of time.

1.4 Where it considers it necessary, WSI Ireland itself may undertake a risk assessment in the interests of public safety and bring its findings to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

**2. Inspection and maintenance of the Public Rescue Equipment (Ringbuoys) within the Traditional Bathing Area (Non DBA)**

2.1 Public rescue equipment sited within the traditional bathing area (Non DBA) shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with the Public Rescue Equipment WSI Guidance Note No.1.

**3. Water Safety Signage within the Traditional Bathing Area (Non DBA)**

3.1 Where required by the risk assessment, water safety signage and safety information boards shall be sited and maintained within the traditional bathing area (Non DBA). All signage shall comply with ISO and An Commissioner Teanga regulations in regard to the use of text (Gaeilge first followed by English text).