

Water Safety Ireland
Water Safety Guidance Note Number 4:
Management of a Dangerous Beach/Dangerous Aquatic Location

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Dangerous Beach/Dangerous Aquatic Location

**Dangerous beach/aquatic location is a location where water safety hazards are present and fatal drownings have occurred*

1. Risk Assessment of Dangerous Beach/Aquatic Location

- 1.1 Dangerous beach/aquatic location to be risk assessed:
Following a fatal drowning
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 WSI shall ensure that any dangerous beach/aquatic location risk assessment carried out is accredited by ILSE.
- 1.4 The ILSE accredited Risk Assessor, shall be supplied with all necessary documentation and maps in relation to the dangerous beach/aquatic location. The WSDO may accompany the risk assessor if considered necessary.
- 1.5 Local Authorities shall implement the recommendations of dangerous beach/aquatic location risk assessment report within a reasonable period of time.
- 1.6 Where it considers it necessary, WSI may itself may undertake a risk assessment in the interests of public safety and bring its findings to the notice of the appropriate authorities.