

Government Urged To Set Up Water Safety Council
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GEORGE TOWN, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- The Life Saving Society Malaysia (LSSM) has urged the government to set up a Water Safety Council aimed at reducing the drowning death rate.

Its president, Lim Chien Ch'eng said based on studies conducted by LSSM, an average of 600 people drowned annually over the last five years.

"The council, when formed, will be able to gather proper statistics by age group, gender and causes of death as there was none available now and would draw up effective policies," he told reporters after launching the 40th National Life Saving Competition and third International Life Saving Sport Challenge 2012, here today.

Lim said that the council could advise local government agencies on the laws and regulations required to make public pools safer.

He said the LSSM had launched a petition to collect signatures from the public before forwarding it to the federal government for further action by the end of this month.

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