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A Stolen Ringbuoy – A Stolen Life

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Now that spring is in the air, people are beginning to move back to the water – taking walks on the beach, going out on boat trips and, despite the still chilly weather, some are even thinking of going swimming again!

In most public areas where people gather by the water's edge, you will find a ringbuoy. This is displayed in a prominent position, to be grabbed in the event someone gets into difficulty in the water.

We always expect the ringbuoy will be in the box if we need it, but unfortunately that is not always the case.
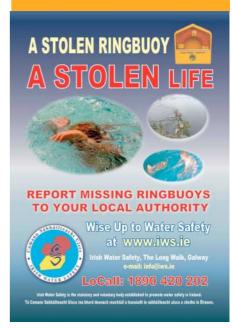
There are still incidents of malicious damage and theft of these ringbuoys by vandals. The absence of a ringbuoy could result in the loss of life so it is important that if you discover a ringbuoy is missing or damaged, you report it.

An easy way to do this is on the website: www.ringbuoy.ie

Every year 170 people drown in Ireland. It is important to be aware of the risks surrounding water. By checking the ringbuoy we are not only making sure the ringbuoy is available if needed, but see the ringbuoy reminds us of the potential dangers of water. For more information on water safety, contact Irish Water Safety www.iws.ie. It's a good idea to brush up on water safety before the busy summer season begins.

How do you use a Ringbuoy?

To effect a rescue with a ringbuoy the rescuer should aim the ringbuoy to fall a short distance beyond the casualty so that it can be retrieved towards them. When the casualty has a firm grip they are retrieved slowly to the bank or edge. It is essential that the rescuer reassures and instructs the casualty throughout the rescue to ensure their co-operation and confidence.

If a Ringbuoy is Missing

1. Note the Location
   Is the box empty?
   Is it floating in the water?
   Does the box have a number?
2. Report it on:
   www.ringbuoy.ie

RINGBUOYS SAVE LIVES

Don't presume someone else has reported it...

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REPORT MISSING RINGBUOYS TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY
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