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# Definition of Drowning Information

**The World Health Organization has adopted a new definition for drowning.**

*"Drowning is the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid."*

*Drowning outcomes should be classified as: death, morbidity, and no morbidity.*

For more information check the following web sites:

[http://www.scielosp.org/scielo.php?script=sci\\_abstract&pid=S0042-96862005001100015&nrm=iso&tlng=pt](http://www.scielosp.org/scielo.php?script=sci_abstract&pid=S0042-96862005001100015&nrm=iso&tlng=pt)

Or:

[http://www.usla.org/publicinfo/library/Drowning\\_Definition\\_WHO\\_Bulletin\\_NOV05.pdf](http://www.usla.org/publicinfo/library/Drowning_Definition_WHO_Bulletin_NOV05.pdf)

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