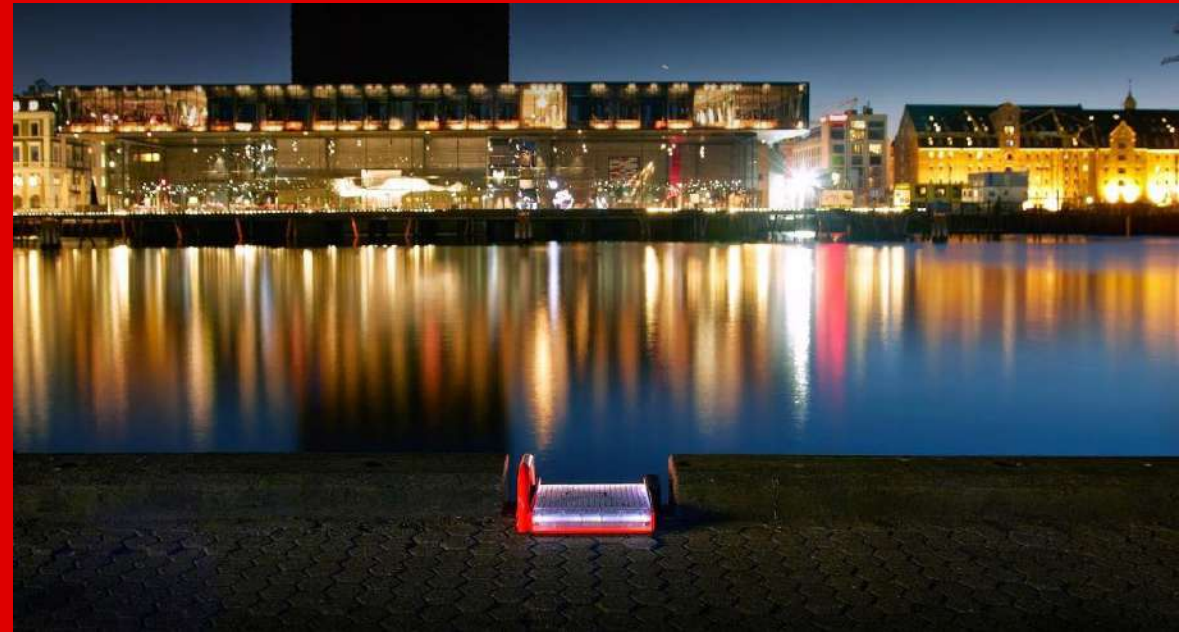


Flyte konference 2025

Drowning accidents in Danish harbors

Why it happens and what can be done to prevent it?



Surf Lifesaving Denmark (TrygFonden Kystlivredning)

Department in
TrygFonden/TryghedsGruppen

Not part of Tryg Insurance – but larges
shareholder in Tryg

TFK (SLSD)

Lifeguarding service, safety equipment, risk
assessments and water safety counseling,
mini towers at public pools (lifesaving
equipment), preventive campaigns and
public information, drowning statistics ect.



TrygFonden

Fatal drownings

Fatal drownings – 3 most frequent places										
	2001 - 2022			2023 (forecast)				2024 (forecast)		
	Count	Male	Female	Count	Male	Female	Gender unknown	Count	Male	Female
Harbor	300	93 %	7 %	17	65 %	24 %	11 %	23	96 %	4 %
Coast/beach	292	83 %	17 %	15	73 %	20 %	7 %	12	75 %	25 %
Open sea	278	95 %	5 %	3	100 %	0 %	0 %	6	100 %	0 %

Source: National Institute of Public Health 2024 and Surf Lifesaving Denmark 2023 and 2024

Why?

Survey

Near drownings in harbors, marinas and urban canals



Of what happened before, during and after

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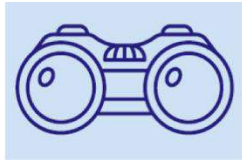


Observation study

1 very busy site - lots of activity

1 busy site – walking along the water

180 hr



90 hr



Dec. 2022

90 hr



July 2023

Observations



Vox pops (short interview)

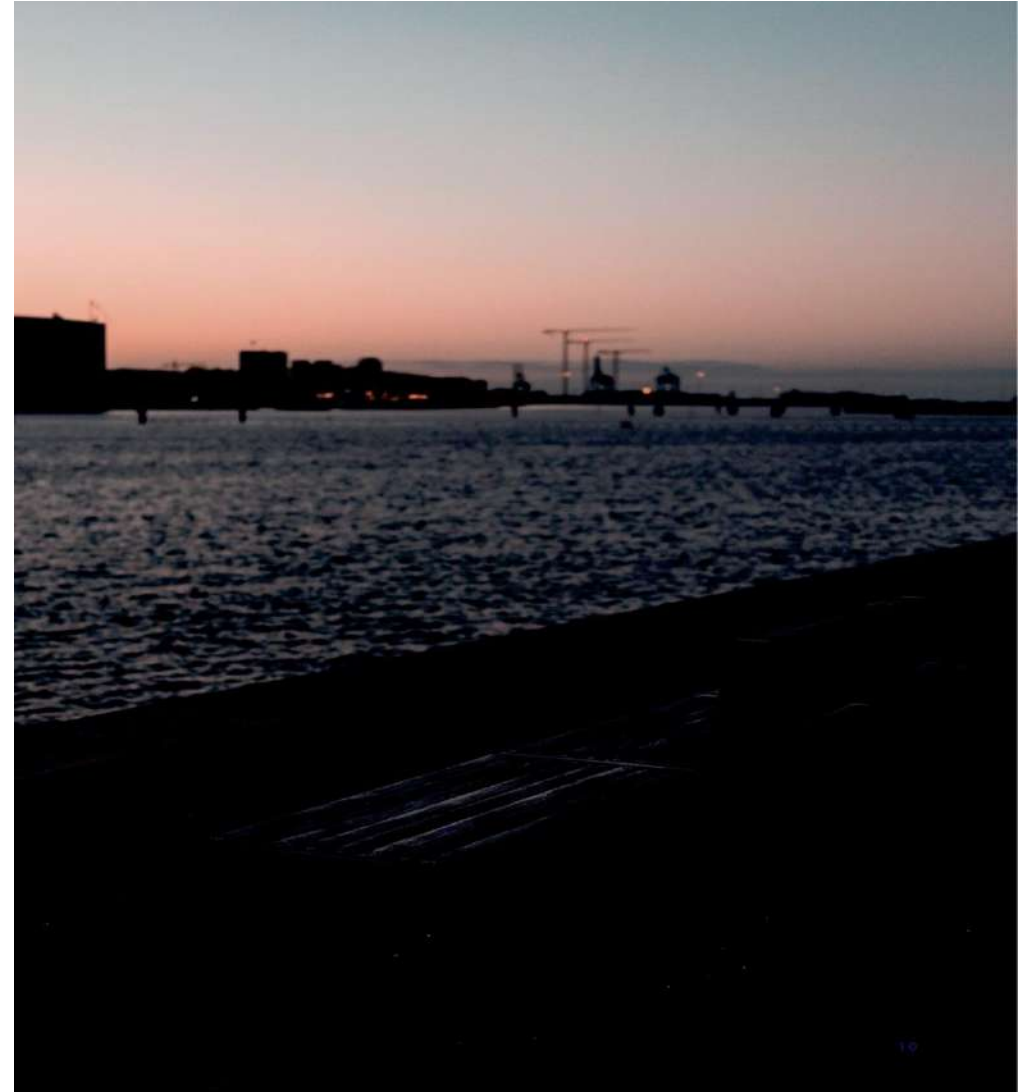
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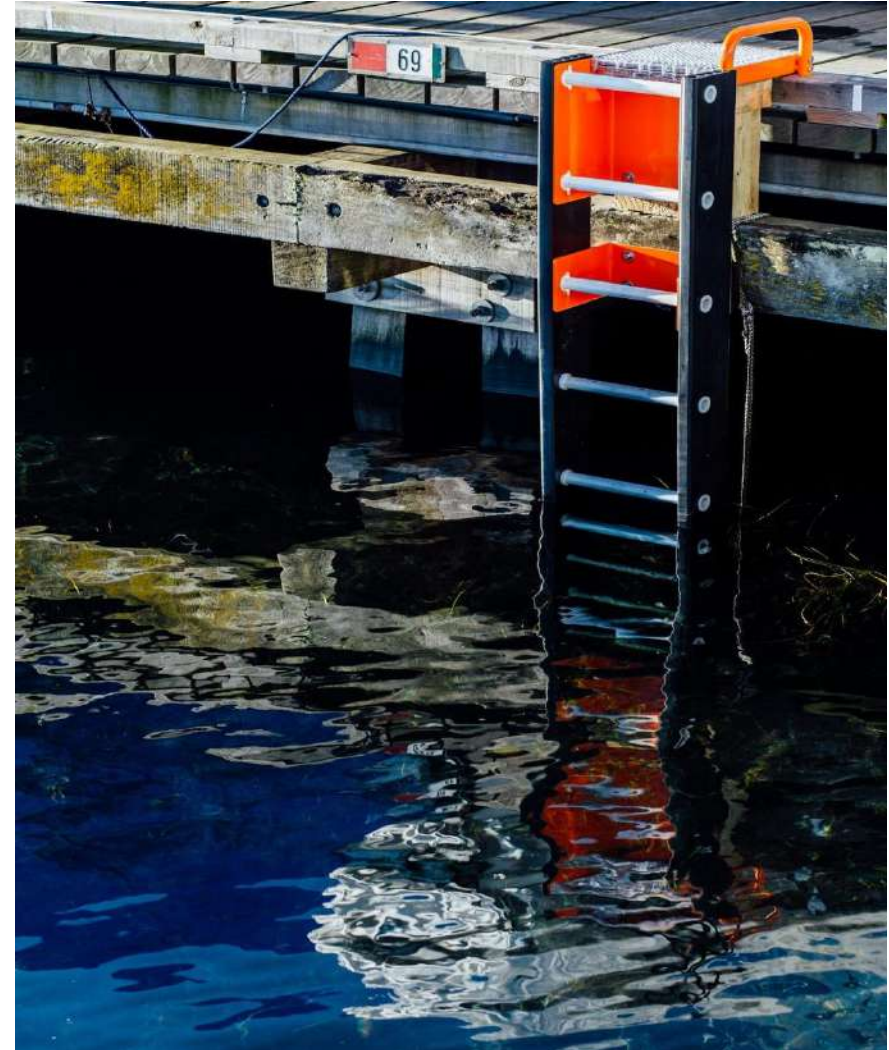
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Reasons.....



Lack of equipment



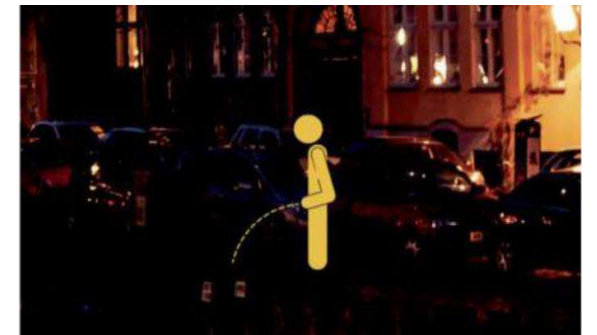
Life lived by the water



Urban areas by the water



Alone and alcohol



Increase of fatal
drownings in the harbors
in the future?



What to do?

National expert group
Best practice Innovation
Motivation
Legislation
Public awareness



And Responsibility

No one can help all, but all can help someone...



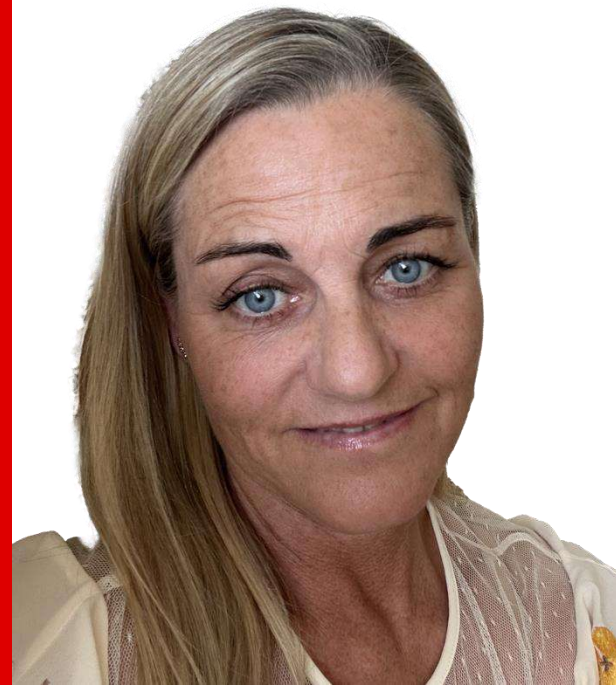
Vision

Everybody should be safe by the water

No one will fall into the water without being able to get up

Thank you for your
attention!

Question?



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