

**Question for written answer E-005659/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Swimming pools on holiday properties

Swimming pools pose the greatest risk of death and injury to children in holiday settings, with drowning being the second most common cause of death for children in the EU. This is a horrifying statistic, especially because research shows that swimming pool drownings are preventable. One of the most important factors in the prevention of swimming pool drowning is the supervision of children.

1. What preventative measures and regulations has the Commission implemented in order to tackle child drowning in pools during holidays at hotels and private residences?
2. Have regulations been implemented across the Union in order to make sure that holidays are equally safe in each Member State? If not, does the Commission intend to propose such legislation?
3. As lifeguards could potentially save hundreds of children's lives, have EU-wide training standards been developed? Have a minimum age and a minimum training period been set across the EU for individuals wishing to become lifeguards?