



## **Drowning Prevention - stay safe near water from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service**

Following the recent tragic drowning incident involving a 16 year old at Dawber Delph at Appley Bridge could the below message and attachment (the link is also included in the message) please be sent out via your usual communication channels, including traditional and social media platforms, before the summer holidays to help make your young people and their families aware of the risks of entering open water, particularly where it is not organised and at unauthorised locations which are usually unsupervised.

When the warm weather hits, please don't be tempted to cool off in open water - •

The water is colder than it looks, even on a warm evening

- This can lead to [cold water shock](#)
- The current is stronger than it looks
- There are hidden dangers beneath the surface

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

- call 999;
- encourage them not to panic;
- and, if they can't stand, float on their back in a starfish shape.

#DrowningPrevention

#BeWaterAware

#FloatToLive

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