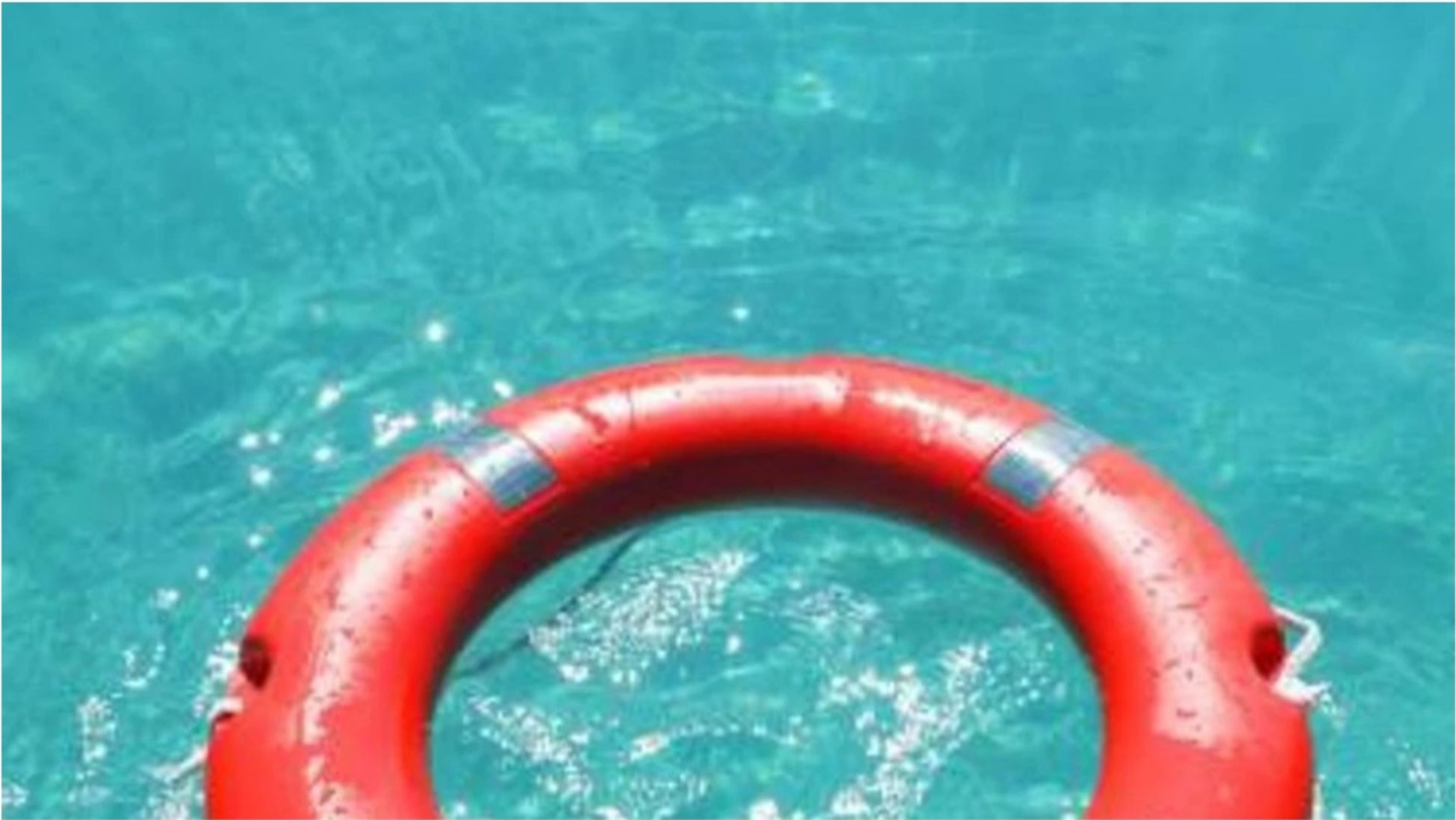


Teen drowns in Cedar River near Fullerton's Power House Park

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Life preserver (Photo/GettyImages)

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FULLERTON, Neb. — A tragic drowning incident occurred Thursday afternoon at [Power House Park in Fullerton](#), according to the [Nance County Sheriff's Office](#).

Witnesses reported that two teenagers were swimming in the Cedar River near the low head dam when a 15-year-old girl was swept underwater by the strong current.

First responders, including the [Fullerton Volunteer Fire Department](#) and [Fullerton Volunteer Rescue Squad](#), located the victim caught in the turbulent waters downstream of the dam. Lifesaving efforts, including CPR, were immediately initiated at the scene. The victim was then transported by ambulance to [Merrick County Medical Center](#), where she was later pronounced deceased.

In accordance with department policy, the identity of the victim will not be released for at least 24 hours.

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Sheriff Bakewell and the Nance County Sheriff's Office extended their deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the victim. Sheriff Bakewell also commended the coordinated efforts and professionalism of all first responders involved in this tragic incident.