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Titanic Tragedy Reshaped Maritime Safety

A liner's gross tonnage – and not the number of passengers it carried – mandated the number of lifeboats legally required to be carried aboard prior to the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912.

Two years after the sinking – which claimed the lives of over 1500 of the 2200 people onboard – investigators' recommendations that "every ship have lifeboat space for each person embarked" became an international standard.

This is one of four key means by which the tragedy reshaped global maritime safety, as highlighted by an article recently published by the New York-based publication, *Mental Floss*.

The full article can be read [here](#).

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