

Drowning Fact Sheet

Age Group – 55-64 Years



The following facts represent fatal drownings of 55-64 year olds in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

Drownings by Age Group – 55-64 Years

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Recreational	6	7	8	10	4	35
Non-Recreational	2	3	4	2	1	12
Total	8	10	12	12	5	47

- 12% of total drowning victims are aged 55-64 years.
- 82% of 55-64 year old victims are Male.
- 26% of 55-64 year old drownings involved Alcohol.
- 57% of 55-64 year old drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 26% Immersion Incident
 - 22% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 13% Land Based Fishing
 - 26% Boating
 - 13% Underwater Activities
- Environment Breakdown
 - 30% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
 - 21% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 24% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 17% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 2% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
 - 2% Home Pools (eg. Home, spa or portable pools)
 - 2% Domestic (eg. Baths or buckets)
 - 2% Public Pools (eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 53% NZ European
 - 32% Maori
 - 6% Pacific Peoples
 - 7% Asian
 - 2% Other Nationalities

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