

Drowning Fact Sheet

Activity – Boating



The following facts represent fatal drownings whilst participating in a Boating activity in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Activity – Boating

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Powered Boat						
Jet Boat	-	-	1	2	-	3
Jet Skis	-	1	1	-	-	2
Over 4m	6	2	4	7	4	23
Under 4m	2	3	-	3	2	10
Non-Powered Boat						
Canoeing	-	-	4	1	-	5
Kayaking	2	3	1	2	4	12
Rafting	-	1	1	-	2	4
Rowing Craft / Dinghy	1	4	3	7	3	18
Sailing						
Fixed Keel Boat	-	-	2	-	-	2
Offshore Sailing	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sailing Dinghy	-	-	1	1	-	2
Trailer Sailer	-	-	-	1	-	1
Windsurfing	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	11	14	19	25	15	84

- 16% of total drownings occurred whilst participating in Boating.
- 92% of Boating victims are Male.
- 19% of Boating drownings involved Alcohol.
- Environment Breakdown
 - 46% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 19% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 19% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
 - 14% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 2% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 55% NZ European
 - 20% Maori
 - 6% Pacific Peoples
 - 4% Asian
 - 8% Other Nationalities
 - 7% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 00-04 years of age
 - 5% 05-14
 - 10% 15-24
 - 13% 25-34
 - 13% 35-44
 - 29% 45-54
 - 14% 55-64
 - 16% 65+

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