

Drowning Fact Sheet

Gender - Female



The following facts represent fatal drownings of Females in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Gender – Female

| Activity | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Total |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Recreational | 5 | 8 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 34 |
| Non-Recreational | 12 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 41 |
| Total | 17 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 9 | 75 |

- 14% of total drowning victims are Female.
- 9% of Female drownings involved Alcohol.
- 57% of Female drownings occurred from a Non-Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 54% Immersion Incident
 - 28% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 11% Boating
 - 4% Underwater Activities
 - 3% Land Based Fishing
- Environment Breakdown
 - 29% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 20% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
 - 17% Domestic Environment (eg. Baths or buckets)
 - 11% Home Pools (eg. Home, spa or portable pools)
 - 8% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 7% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
 - 7% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
 - 1% Public Pools (eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 63% NZ European
 - 15% Maori
 - 7% Pacific Peoples
 - 7% Asian
 - 7% Other Nationalities
 - 1% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 15% 00-04 years of age
 - 4% 05-14
 - 13% 15-24
 - 7% 25-34
 - 23% 35-44
 - 11% 45-54
 - 9% 55-64
 - 18% 65+

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