

Drowning Fact Sheet

Environment – Beaches



The following facts represent fatal drownings at Beaches in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Environment – Beaches

Environment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Calm Water Beach	2	-	4	4	5	15
Rocky Foreshore	7	3	10	5	3	28
Surf Beach	14	18	8	14	10	64
Total	23	21	22	23	18	107

- 20% of total drownings occurred at Beaches.
- 78% of Beach drowning victims are Male.
- 11% of Beach drownings involved Alcohol.
- 62% of Beach drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 35% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 24% Land Based Fishing
 - 28% Immersion Incident
 - 11% Underwater Activities
 - 1% Powered Boat
 - 1% Non-Powered Boat
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 37% NZ European
 - 32% Maori
 - 9% Asian
 - 10% Pacific Peoples
 - 10% Other Nationalities
 - 2% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 1% 00-04 years of age
 - 2% 05-14
 - 13% 15-24
 - 13% 25-34
 - 14% 35-44
 - 22% 45-54
 - 15% 55-64
 - 20% 65+

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