

# Drowning Fact Sheet

## Environment – Offshore



The following facts represent fatal drownings Offshore in New Zealand waters from 2006-2010.

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

### Drownings by Environment – Offshore in New Zealand waters\*

Environment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
0 - 1 Km from Shore	8	11	8	12	3	42
1 - 5 Km from Shore	2	3	5	4	2	16
5 + Km from Shore	6	2	4	1	2	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>73</b>

- 14% of total drownings occurred Offshore.
- 92% of Offshore drowning victims are Male.
- 10% of Offshore drownings involved Alcohol.
- 88% of Offshore drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
  - 56% Boating
  - 29% Underwater Activities
  - 3% Occupational Related
  - 6% Water Sport / Recreation
  - 3% Immersion Incident
  - 3% Land Based Fishing
- Ethnic Breakdown
  - 38% NZ European
  - 40% Maori
  - 7% Other Nationalities
  - 7% Pacific Peoples
  - 6% Unknown
  - 2% Asian
- Age Group Breakdown
  - 00-04 years of age
  - 6% 05-14
  - 9% 15-24
  - 15% 25-34
  - 19% 35-44
  - 29% 45-54
  - 12% 55-64
  - 10% 65+

\*Water Safety New Zealand only takes into account drownings which occur inside New Zealand's own territorial waters.

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