

Drowning Fact Sheet

Environment – Tidal Waters



The following facts represent fatal drownings in Tidal Waters in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Environment – Tidal Waters

Environment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Estuary	2	2	4	1	-	9
Harbour	5	6	7	12	13	43
Marinas	-	2	2	3	-	7
River/Harbour Bar	3	2	-	2	3	10
Total	10	12	13	18	16	69

- 13% of total drownings occurred in Tidal Waters.
- 87% of Tidal Water drowning victims are Male.
- 30% of Tidal Water drownings involved Alcohol.
- 51% of Tidal Water drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 28% Boating
 - 38% Immersion Incident
 - 19% Land Based Fishing
 - 11% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 4% Underwater Activities
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 56% NZ European
 - 19% Pacific Peoples
 - 14% Maori
 - 9% Asian
 - 2% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 00-04 years of age
 - 2% 05-14
 - 11% 15-24
 - 9% 25-34
 - 18% 35-44
 - 26% 45-54
 - 19% 55-64
 - 15% 65+

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