

Drowning Fact Sheet

Activity – Land Based Fishing



The following facts represent fatal drownings whilst participating in Land Based Fishing in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Activity – Land Based Fishing

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Angling	2	3	7	4	5	21
Net Fishing	3	5	-	1	-	9
Shell Fishing	-	1	3	2	1	7
Total	5	9	10	7	6	37

- 7% of total drownings occurred whilst participating in Land Based Fishing.
- 95% of Land Based Fishing victims are Male.
- 14% of Land Based Fishing drownings involved Alcohol.
- Environment Breakdown
 - 59% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
 - 30% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
 - 8% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 3% Offshore (eg. Reef, 0-1km from shore)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 27% NZ European
 - 27% Pacific Peoples
 - 24% Maori
 - 14% Asian
 - 3% Unknown
 - 5% Other Nationalities
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 00-04 years of age
 - 3% 05-14
 - 5% 15-24
 - 14% 25-34
 - 22% 35-44
 - 32% 45-54
 - 16% 55-64
 - 8% 65+

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