

Regional Drowning Fact Sheet

Manawatu-Whanganui



The following facts represent fatal drownings in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region from 2006-2010. All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

- From 2006 to 2010 there were 35 drowning deaths in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region.
- 49% of drownings in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region occurred whilst participating in a recreational activity.
- 71% of Manawatu-Whanganui victims are Male.
- Ethnicity Breakdown*
 - 51% NZ European
 - 31% Maori
- Activity Breakdown*
 - 37% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 26% Immersion Incident
- Environment Breakdown*
 - 71% Rivers
 - 9% Offshore
- Age Group Breakdown*
 - 26% 15-24 years of age
 - 17% 25-34
 - 14% 35-44
 - 14% 65+
- Council Breakdown
 - 31% Whanganui District Council
 - 26% Ruapehu District Council
 - 23% Horowhenua District Council
 - 11% Manawatu District Council
 - 6% Rangitikei District Council
 - 3% Palmerston North City Council
 - 0% Tararua District Council

* Note - % figures are shown for the highest variables.

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