

# Drowning Fact Sheet

## Activity – Underwater



The following facts represent fatal drownings whilst participating in Underwater activities in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

### Drowning by Activity – Underwater

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Free Diving	-	1	1	2	1	5
Scuba Diving	3	4	2	6	2	17
Snorkelling	3	2	2	2	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>

- 6% of total drownings occurred whilst participating in an Underwater activity.
- 91% of Underwater victims are Male.
- 3% of Underwater drownings involved Alcohol.
- Environment Breakdown
  - 64% Offshore (eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
  - 30% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
  - 6% Tidal Waters (eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
- Ethnic Breakdown
  - 52% Maori
  - 30% NZ European
  - 9% Other Nationalities
  - 3% Asian
  - 6% Unknown
- Age Group Breakdown
  - 00-04 years of age
  - 05-14
  - 3% 15-24
  - 9% 25-34
  - 27% 35-44
  - 31% 45-54
  - 18% 55-64
  - 12% 65+

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