

Drowning Fact Sheet

Activity – Water Sport / Recreation



The following facts represent fatal drownings whilst participating in Water Sport / Recreation in New Zealand from 2006-2010.

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

Drownings by Activity – Water Sport / Recreation

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Board Riding	1	1	2	1	1	6
Boogie Boarding	-	-	-	-	2	2
Diving / Jumping	-	4	-	1	3	8
Other Recreation	6	2	6	2	-	16
Swimming	10	17	15	11	16	66
Tubing / Canyoning	-	-	8	-	-	8
Total	17	24	31	15	22	109

- 21% of total drownings occurred whilst participating in Water Sport / Recreation activities.
- 80% of Water Sport/Recreation victims are Male.
- 11% of Water Sport/Recreation activities drownings involved Alcohol.

- Environment Breakdown

41%	Rivers	(eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
29%	Beaches	(eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
10%	Inland Still Waters	(eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
7%	Public Pools	(eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
6%	Tidal Waters	(eg. Estuary, harbour, river/harbour bar or marina)
4%	Offshore	(eg. 0-1, 1-5 or 5+ Km from Shore)
3%	Home Pools	(eg. Home, spa or portable pool)

- Ethnic Breakdown

47%	NZ European
22%	Maori
11%	Other Nationalities
12%	Pacific Peoples
6%	Asian
2%	Unknown

- Age Group Breakdown

4%	00-04 years of age
1%	05-14
36%	15-24
17%	25-34
6%	35-44
15%	45-54
10%	55-64
11%	65+

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