

Regional Drowning Fact Sheet

West Coast



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

- From 2006 to 2010 there were 19 drowning deaths in the West Coast Region.
- 53% of drownings in the West Coast Region occurred whilst participating in a recreational activity.
- 84% of West Coast victims are Male.
- Ethnicity Breakdown*
 - 68% NZ European
 - 11% Maori
- Activity Breakdown*
 - 21% Water Sport / Recreation
 - 26% Immersion Incident
 - 21% Other
- Environment Breakdown*
 - 68% Rivers
 - 16% Inland Still Waters
- Age Group Breakdown*
 - 21% 25-34 years of age
 - 21% 45-54
 - 21% 65+
- Council Breakdown
 - 37% Grey District Council
 - 26% Buller District Council
 - 37% Westland District Council

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

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