

Drowning Fact Sheet

Age Group – 0-4 Years



The following facts represent fatal drownings of 0-4 year olds in New Zealand from 2005-2009.

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

Drownings by Age Group – 0-4 Year Olds

Activity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Recreational	-	1	1	1	1	4
Non-Recreational	8	3	9	6	7	33
Total	8	4	10	7	8	37

- 9% of total drowning victims are aged 0-4 years.
- 62% of 0-4 year old victims are Male.
- 89% of 0-4 year old drownings occurred from a Non-Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 89% Immersion Incident
 - 11% Water Sport / Recreation
- Environment Breakdown
 - 41% Home Pools (eg. Home, spa or portable pools)
 - 22% Domestic (eg. Baths or buckets)
 - 19% Inland Still Waters (eg. Lakes, ponds, drains or other waters)
 - 8% Public Pools (eg. Public, thermal, hotel/motel or institution pools)
 - 5% Rivers (eg. Rivers, streams or creeks)
 - 5% Beaches (eg. Surf, calm water beaches or rocky foreshores)
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 43% NZ European
 - 35% Maori
 - 11% Pacific Peoples
 - 5% Other
 - 3% Asian
 - 3% Unknown

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