This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Newfoundland and Labrador. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2012-2016.

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

95% male

5% female

**WHERE?**

- Ocean: 53%
- Lake/Pond: 29%
- River: 12%
- Other: 6%

**WHEN?**

- 65% of drownings occurred from May to September

- Age: 35-49: 22% (3.1)
- Age: 50-64: 31% (3.8)
- Age: 65+: 25% (4.1)

* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

**LAND, ICE OR AIR TRANSPORTATION**
- **23%**

**BOATING**
- **43%**
  - Powerboat **67%**
  - Canoe **15%**

**NON-AQUATIC**
- **19%**

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
- Fishing **38%**
- Snowmobiling **11%**
- Swimming **9%**
- Riding ATV **9%**

WHY? RISK FACTORS

**CHILDREN**
- **100%** Supervision Absent or Distracted

**YOUNG ADULTS**
- Not Wearing a PFD **50%**
- Alcohol Consumption **53%**
- Alone **33%**

**OLDER ADULTS**
- Not Wearing a PFD **73%**
- Alcohol Consumption **37%**
- Alone **48%**

**BOATING**
- Not Wearing a PFD **69%**
- Alcohol Consumption **24%**
- Alone **30%**

METHODS:
Water-related death data is extracted from the office of the Chief Coroner or Medical Examiner for each province and territory. Data is collected for all deaths resulting from incidents “in, on or near” water. “Near water” incidents were included if the intent was closely related to water-based recreational, vocational or daily living activity. The data includes only unintentional deaths, not deaths due to natural causes, suicide, or homicide.

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