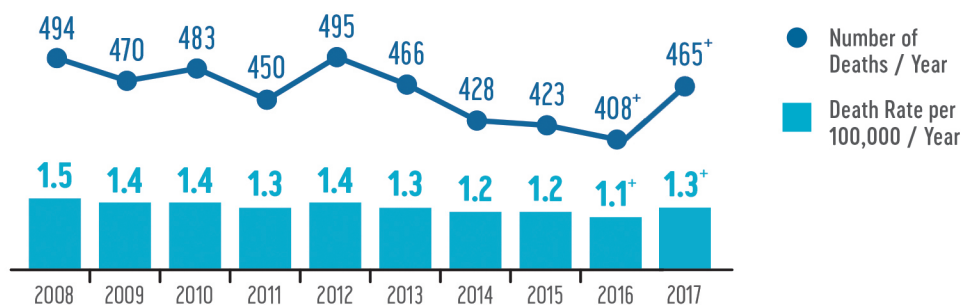


# DROWNING Report

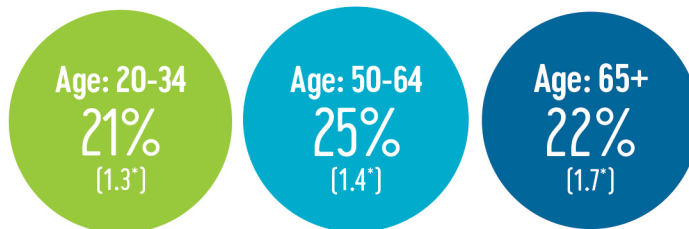
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This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Offices of the Chief Coroners and Medical Examiners of Canada. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2013-2017. The 2016 and 2017 totals are based on partial data. Complete information for British Columbia was not available at the time of data collection\*.

CANADIAN WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2008-2017

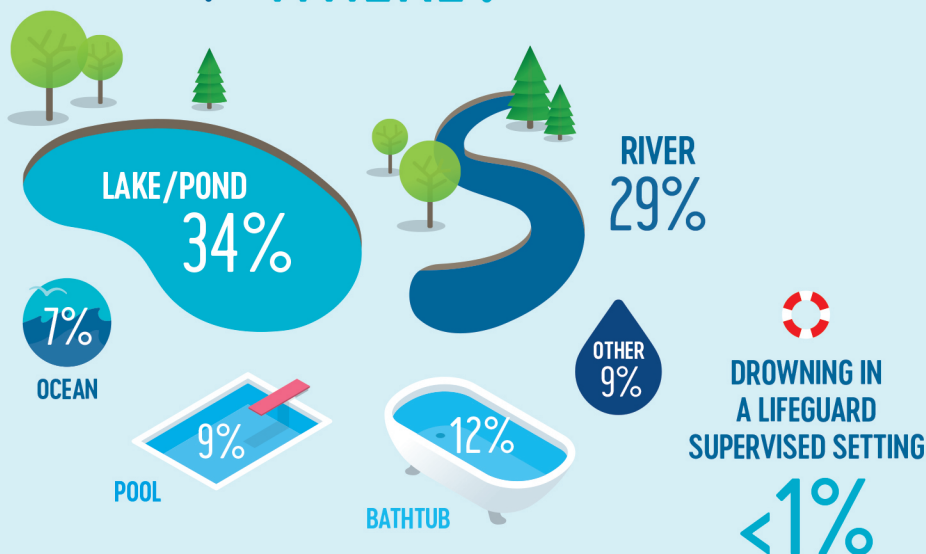


## WHO IS DROWNING?

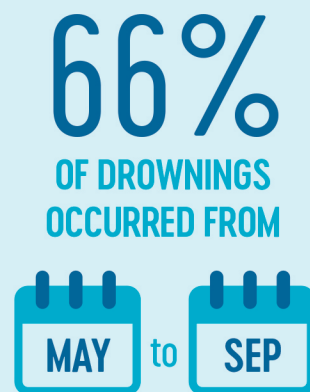


\* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

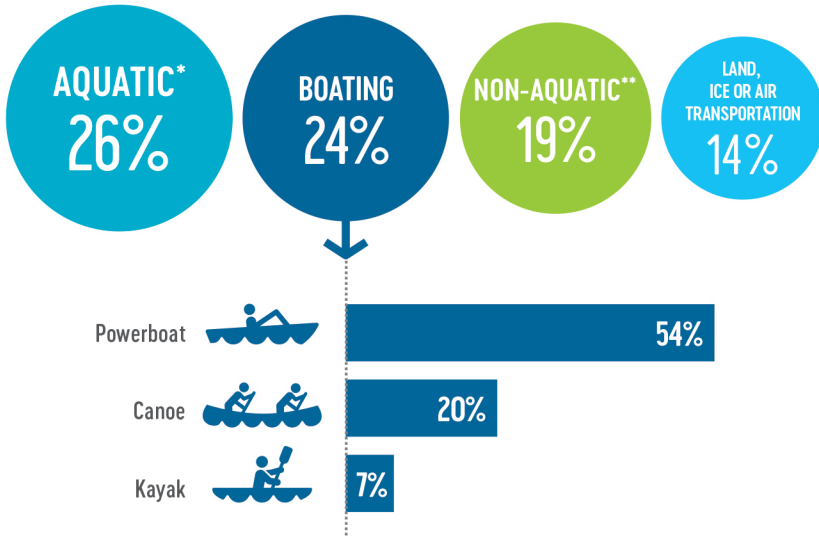
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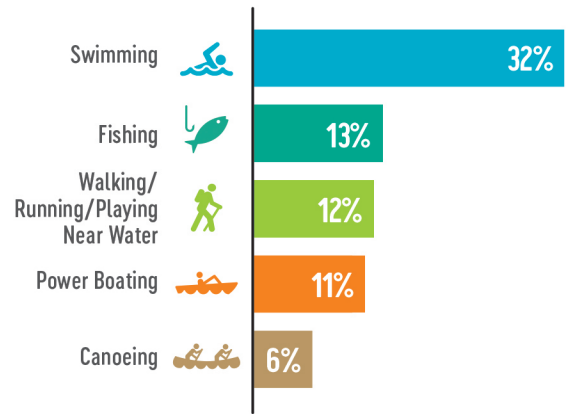
## WHEN?



# ? WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



## WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



\*The person intended to be in the water (e.g. swimming/wading)

\*\*Unintentional fall into water (e.g. walking/biking/working near water and fell in)

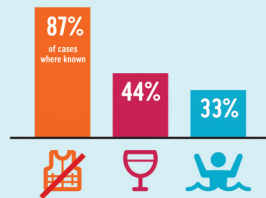
# ! WHY? RISK FACTORS

### CHILDREN ≤5 YEARS

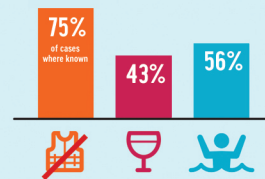


**92%**  
Supervision Absent or Distracted

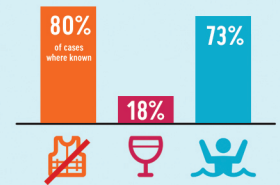
### YOUNG ADULTS 15-34 YEARS



### MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS 35-64 YEARS

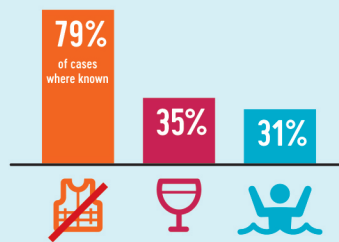


### OLDER ADULTS 65+ YEARS

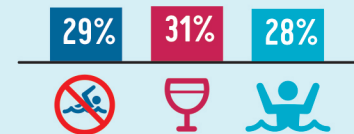


- Not Wearing a PFD
- Alcohol Consumption
- Alone
- Weak or Non-Swimmer

### BOATING



### SWIMMING



#### 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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