This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2011-2015.

**ONTARIO WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2006-2015**

Number of Deaths / Year

Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

- **2006**: 182
- **2007**: 169
- **2008**: 175
- **2009**: 165
- **2010**: 167
- **2011**: 160
- **2012**: 178
- **2013**: 163
- **2014**: 130
- **2015**: 145

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

- **76% male**
- **24% female**

**WHERE?**

- **Lake/Pond**: 43%
- **River**: 22%
- **Other**: 8%
- **Pool**: 11%
- **Bathtub**: 16%

**DROWNING IN A LIFEGUARD SUPERVISED SETTING**: <1%

**WHEN?**

- **65% of drownings occurred from May to September**

**ONTARIO WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2006-2015**

- **Age: 20-34**: 23% ([1.3*](#))
- **Age: 50-64**: 21% ([1.2*](#))
- **Age: 65+**: 27% ([2.0*](#))

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

AQUATIC 31%

- Powerboat 55%
- Canoe 12%
- Inflatable Craft 11%

BOATING 19%

NON-AQUATIC 21%

- Swimming
- Walking/Running/Playing Near Water 16%
- Power Boating 11%
- Fishing from Boat 7%
- Canoeing 6%
- Diving/Jumping 5%

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

WHY? RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN

- 92% Supervision Absent or Distracted
- 93% Not Wearing a PFD
- 42% Alcohol Consumption
- 35% Alone
- 32% Weak or Non-Swimmer

YOUNG ADULTS

- 91% Not Wearing a PFD
- 30% Alcohol Consumption
- 30% Alone
- 32% Weak or Non-Swimmer

OLDER ADULTS

- 69% Not Wearing a PFD
- 44% Alcohol Consumption
- 36% Alone
- 32% Weak or Non-Swimmer

BOATING

- 92%
- 32%
- 32%

SWIMMING

- 44%
- 27%
- 36%

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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