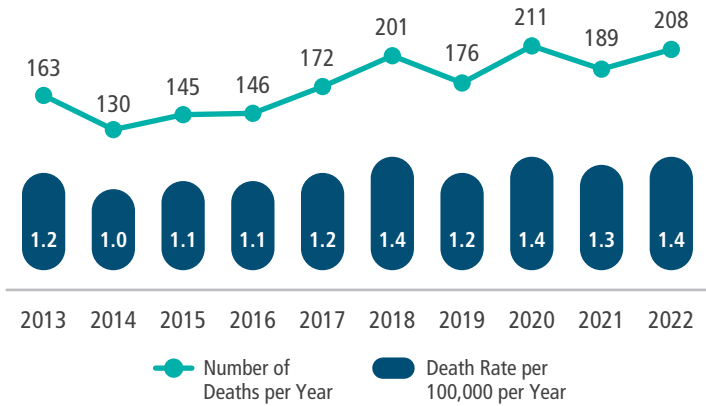


Drowning Data Snapshot

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ONTARIO WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2013–2022

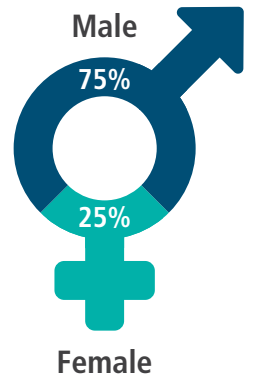


This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2018–2022.

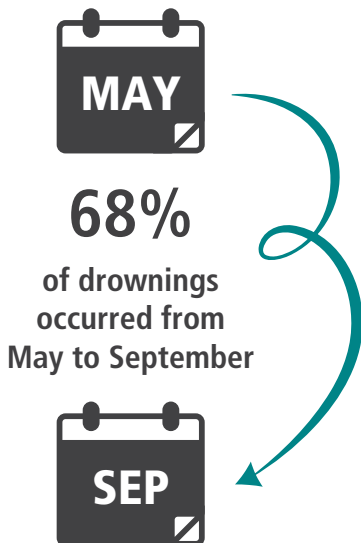
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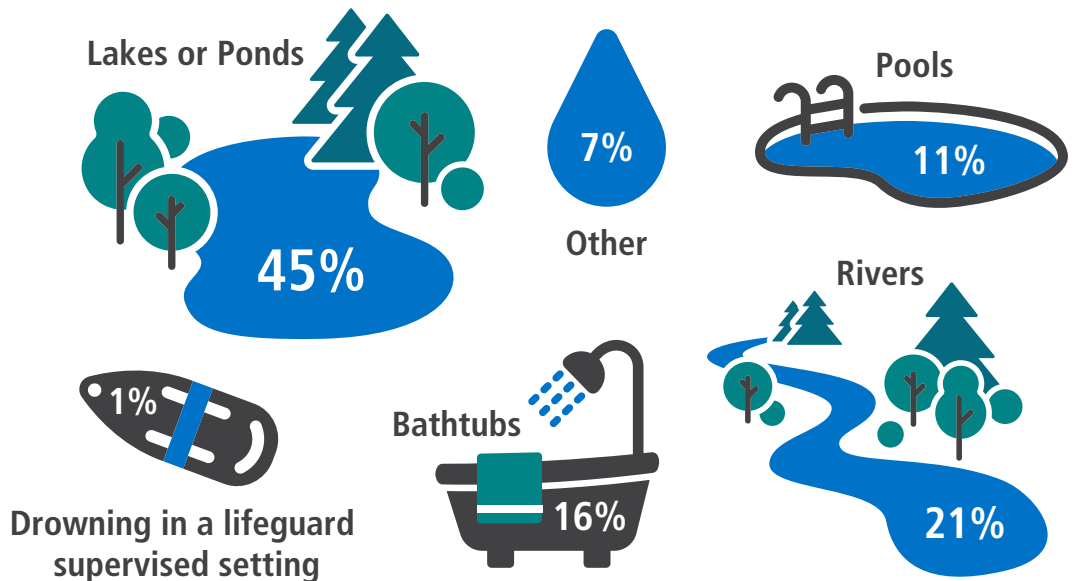
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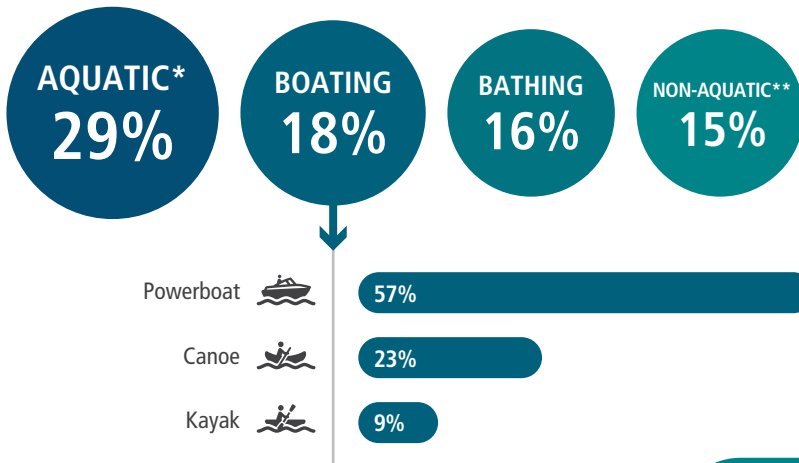
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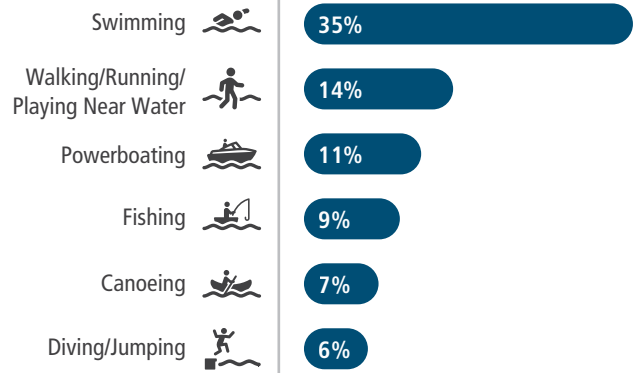
WHERE ARE THEY DROWNING?



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)

RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN Age: <5



98%

Supervision absent or distracted

Not wearing a PFD

Weak or non-swimmer

Supervision absent

Consuming alcohol

Alone

YOUNG ADULTS Age: 15–34



88% of cases, where known

30%

42%

MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS Age: 35–64



90% of cases, where known

36%

57%

OLDER ADULTS Age: 65+



97% of cases, where known

12%

76%

BOATING



92% of cases, where known

30%

30%

SWIMMING



39%

26%

37%

Risk factors for children aged 5–14 not reported due to small sample sizes.

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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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