This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Offices of the Chief Coroner and Medical Examiner for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2013-2017.

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

- **89% male**
- **11% female**

**Age Distributions:**
- **Age: 35-49**
  - 26% (1.5‰)
- **Age: 50-64**
  - 25% (1.2‰)
- **Age: 65+**
  - 23% (1.4‰)

*Death Rate per 100,000 / Year*

**WHERE?**

- **Ocean**
  - 48%
- **River**
  - 24%
- **Lake/Pond**
  - 21%
- **Pool**
  - 3%
- **Other**
  - 4%

**DROWNING IN A LIFEGUARD SUPERVISED SETTING**

<1%

**WHEN?**

- **71% of drownings occurred from May to September**
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

AQUATIC* 25%
BOATING 42%
NON-AQUATIC** 15%

*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)

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Swimming
  - 25%
- Fishing
  - 25%
- Diving/Jumping
  - 10%
- Power Boating
  - 10%

WHY? RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN <5 YEARS

100% Supervision Absent or Distracted

NO SWIMMING

YOUNG ADULTS 15-34 YEARS

100% of drownings at dusk or night

MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS 35-64 YEARS

89% Not Wearing a PFD
40% Alcohol Consumption
56% After Dark

OLDER ADULTS 65+

47% Boating
27% 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 "to, 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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