



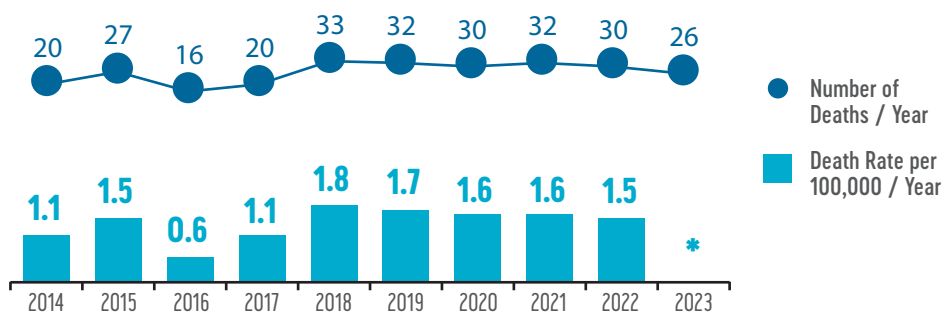
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# DROWNING Report

Prepared for the Lifesaving Society by the Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada

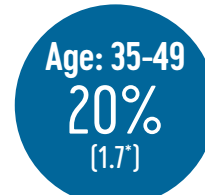
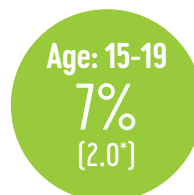
This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Offices of the Chief Coroner and Medical Examiner for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2019-2023. The 2023 data are based on partial data. Data for Prince Edward Island for 2023 were not available at the time of data collection.

## MARITIMES WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2014-2023



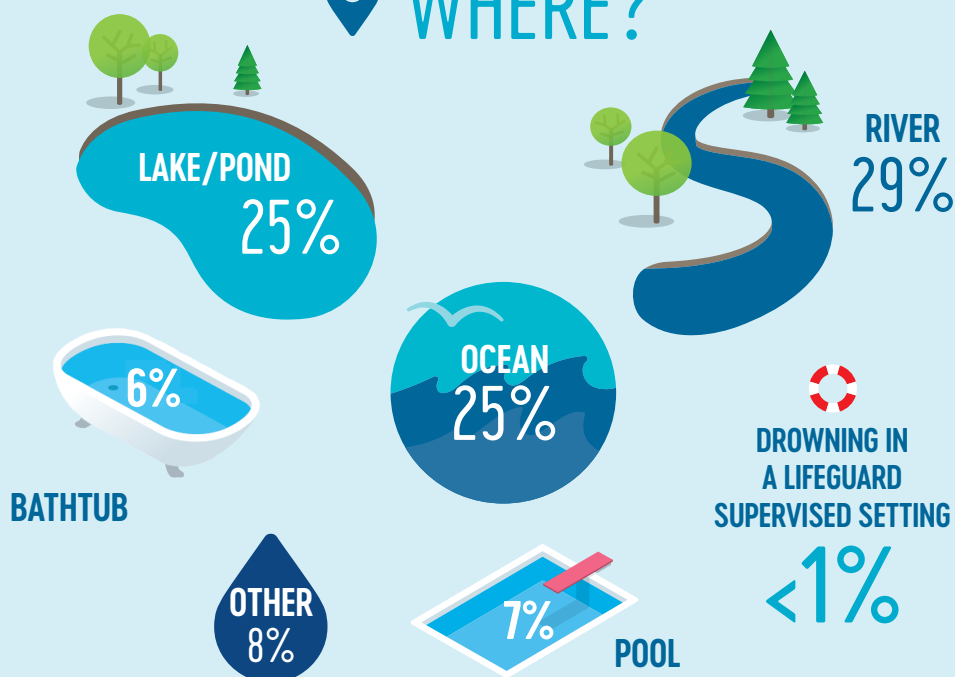
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## WHO IS DROWNING?



\* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

## WHERE?



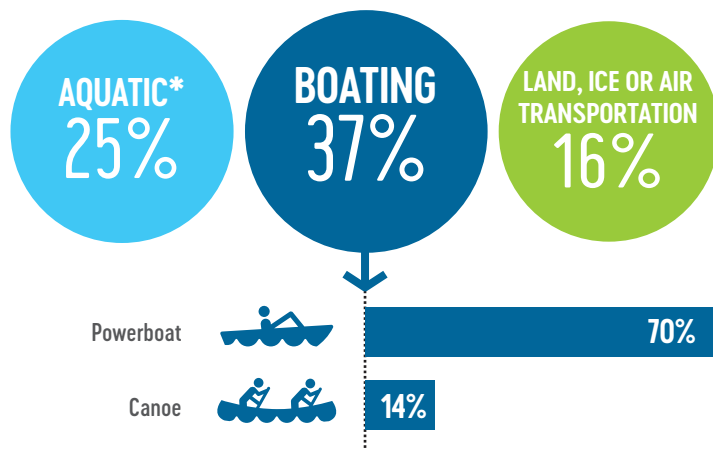
## WHEN?

65%

OF DROWNINGS  
OCCURRED FROM

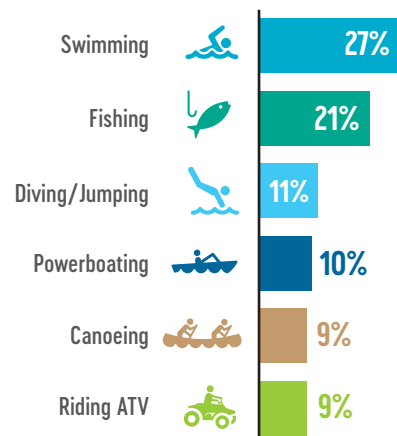


# ? WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



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

## WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

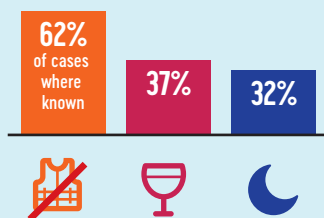


## ! WHY? RISK FACTORS

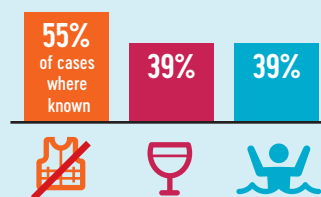
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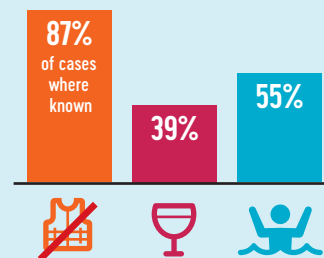
### YOUNG ADULTS AGE: 15-34



### MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS AGE: 35-64

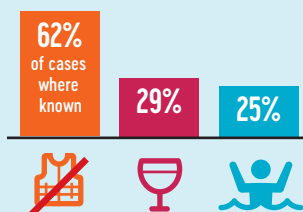


### OLDER ADULTS AGE: 65+

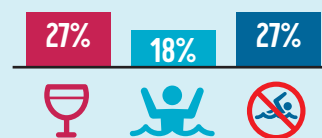


- Not Wearing a Lifejacket
- Alcohol Consumption
- Alone
- After Dark
- Weak or Non-Swimmer

### 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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- The Chief Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Offices in each province/territory, who permitted and facilitated confidential access to coroner's reports on unintentional water-related deaths.
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