

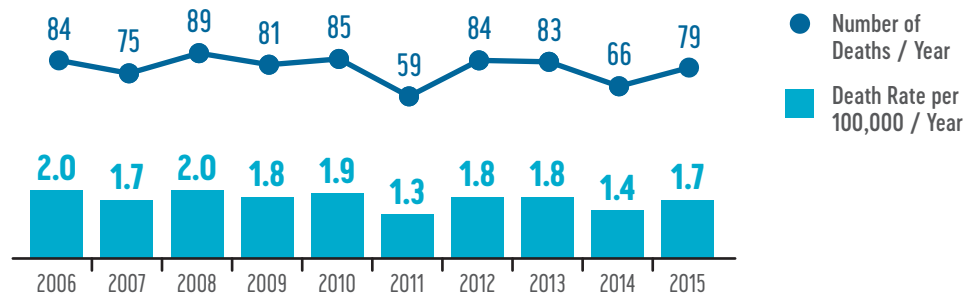


DROWNING Report

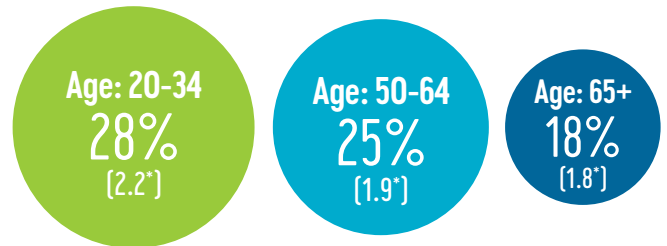
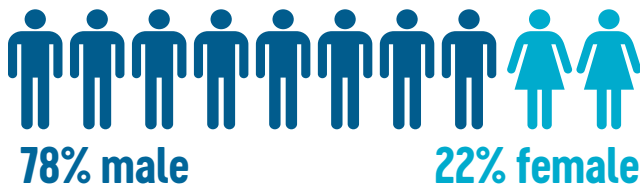
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This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroner for British Columbia. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2011-2015.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2006-2015

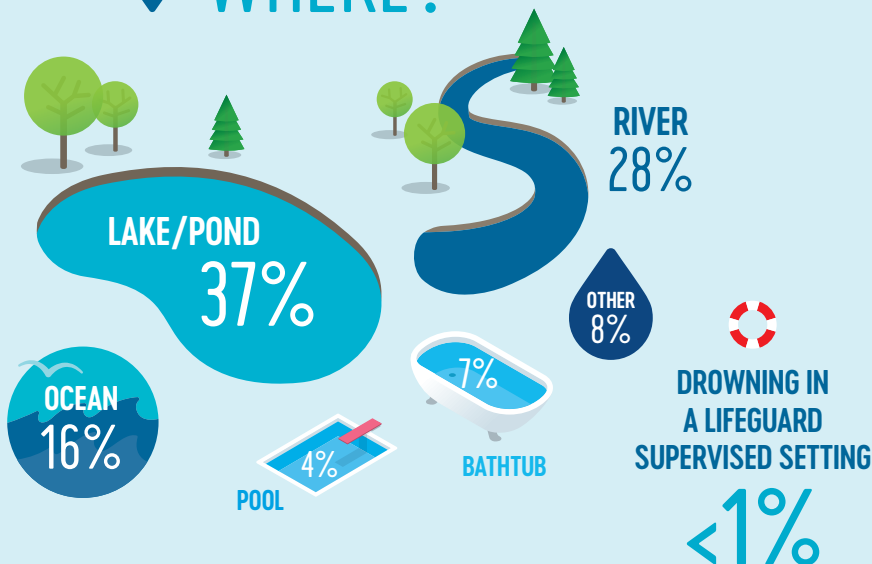


WHO IS DROWNING?

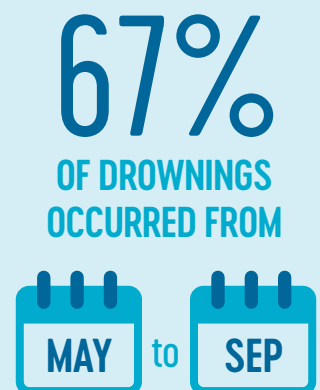


* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

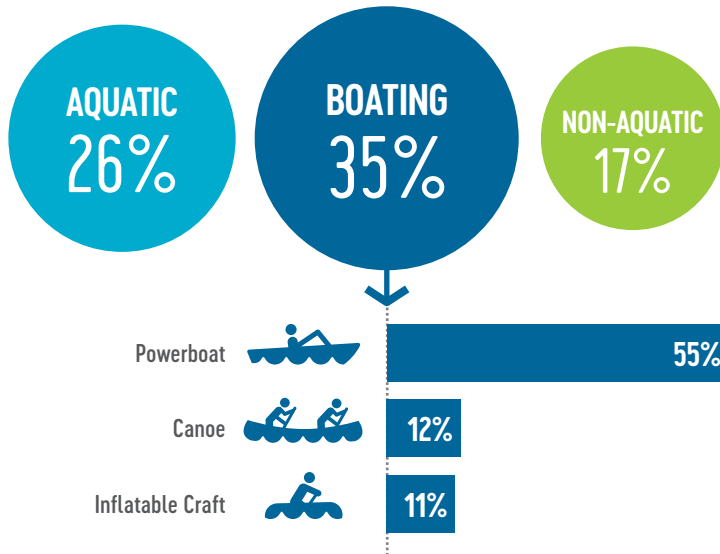
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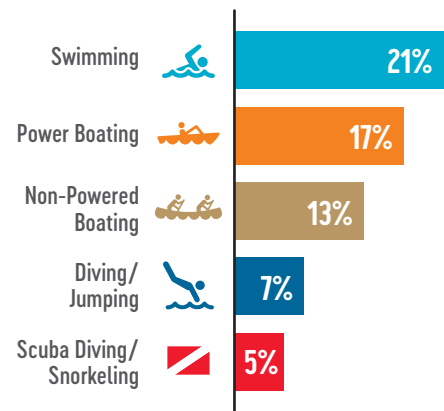
WHEN?



? WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



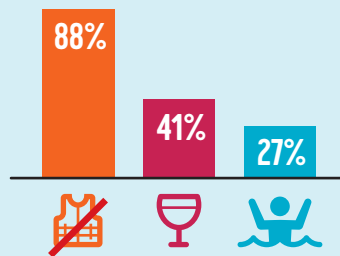
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CHILDREN

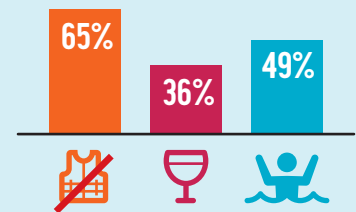


88%
Supervision Absent or Distracted

YOUNG ADULTS



OLDER ADULTS



Not Wearing a PFD



Alcohol Consumption

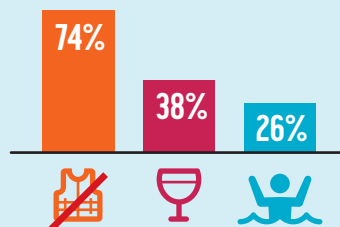


Alone

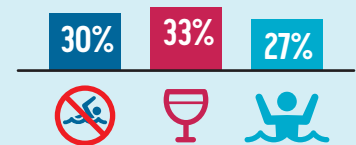


Weak or Non-Swimmer

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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