



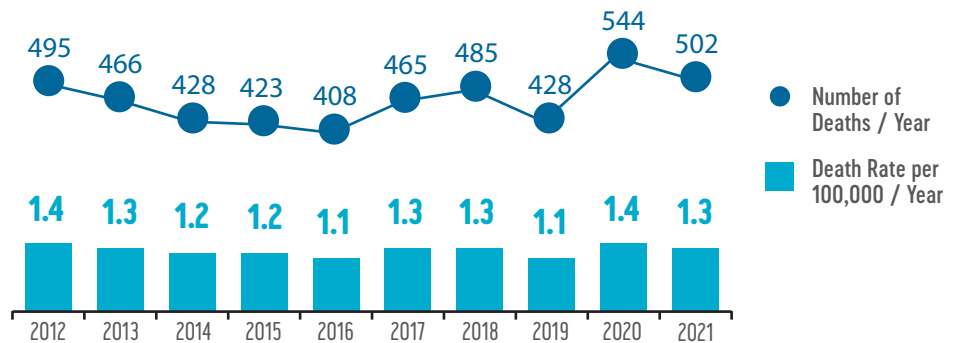
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DROWNING Report

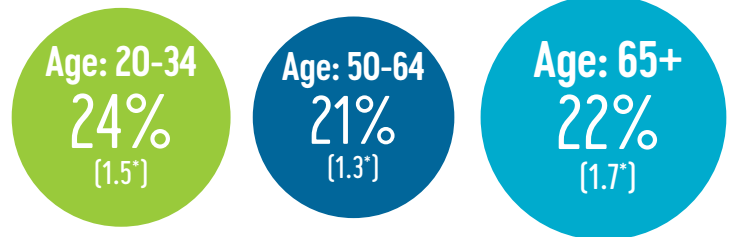
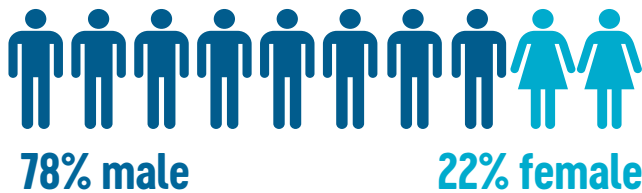
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This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Offices of the Chief Coroners and Medical Examiners of Canada. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2017-2021. The 2017-2021 totals are based on partial data. Complete information for British Columbia was not available at the time of data collection.

CANADIAN WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2012-2021

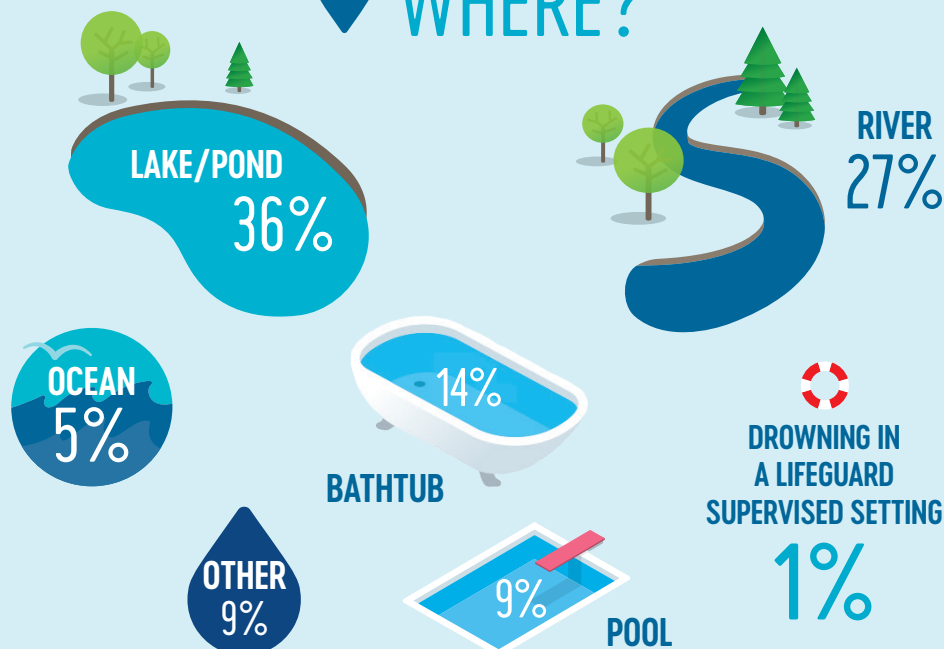


WHO IS DROWNING?



* Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

WHERE?



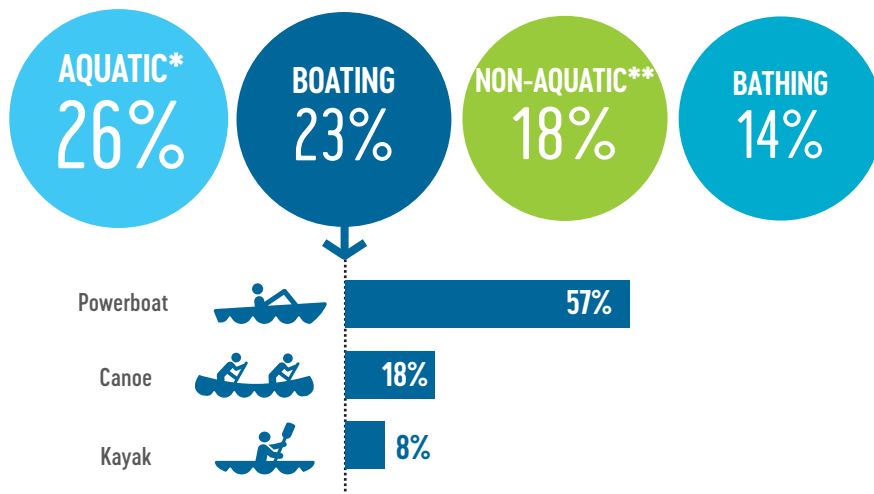
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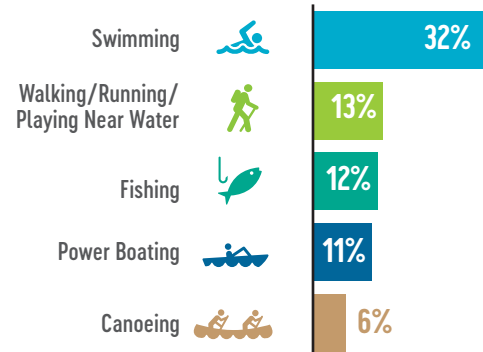
OF DROWNINGS
OCCURRED FROM



? 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)

! WHY? RISK FACTORS

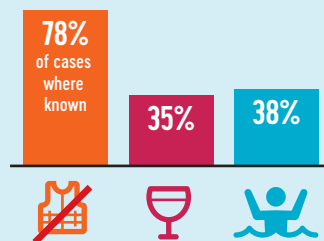
CHILDREN AGE: <5



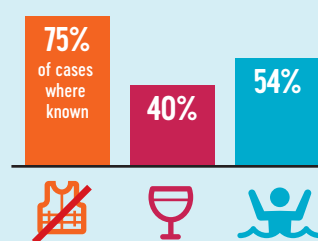
94%

Supervision Absent or Distracted

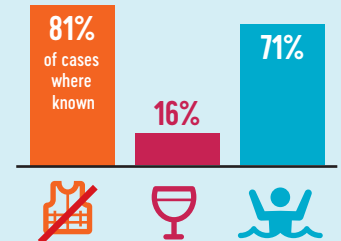
YOUNG ADULTS AGE: 15-34



MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS AGE: 35-64

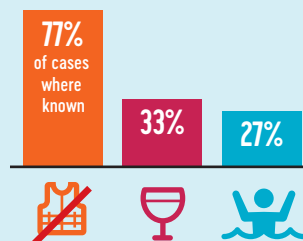


OLDER ADULTS AGE: 65+

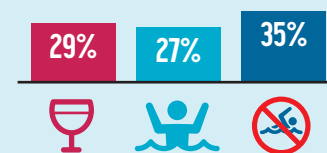


-  Not Wearing a Lifejacket
-  Alcohol Consumption
-  Alone
-  Weak or Non-Swimmer

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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