

Drowning Fact Sheet

Environment – Offshore



The following facts represent fatal drownings Offshore in New Zealand waters from 2003-2007.

All data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™.

Drownings by Environment – Offshore in New Zealand waters

Environment	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
0 - 1 Km from Shore	14	6	5	5	11	41
1 - 5 Km from Shore	6	6	5	2	3	22
5 + Km from Shore	4	4	5	6	1	20
Total	24	16	15	13	15	83

- 20% of total drownings occurred Offshore.
- 92% of Offshore drowning victims are Male.
- 8% of Offshore drownings involved Alcohol.
- 90% of Offshore drownings occurred whilst participating in a Recreational activity.
- Activity Breakdown
 - 57% Boating
 - 30% Underwater
 - 10% Occupational Related
 - 3% Water Sport/Recreation
- Ethnic Breakdown
 - 54% NZ European
 - 33% Maori
 - 6% Pacific Peoples
 - 4% Other
 - 2% Unknown
 - 1% Asian
- Age Group Breakdown
 - 00-04 years of age
 - 6% 05-14
 - 3% 15-24
 - 16% 25-34
 - 31% 35-44
 - 22% 45-54
 - 16% 55-64
 - 6% 65+

