This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroners of the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2011-2015.

**Who is drowning?**

- 84% male
- 16% female

**Where?**

- Lake/Pond: 35%
- River: 35%
- Ocean: 26%
- Other: 4%

**When?**

- 79% of drownings occurred from May to September.
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

Aquatic: 21%
Boating: 40%
Non-Aquatic: 23%

Powerboat: 57%
Canoe: 39%

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Canoeing: 23%
- Walking/Running/Playing Near Water: 23%
- Swimming: 17%
- Power Boating: 10%
- Snowmobiling: 10%

WHY? RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN

100% Supervision Absent or Distracted

Not Wearing a PFD
Alcohol Consumption
Alone
Weak or Non-Swimmer
Capsizing

YOUNG ADULTS

67% of cases where known
48%
33%

OLDER ADULTS

90% of cases where known
67%
42%

BOATING

81% of cases where known
57%
52%

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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