This infographic summarizes the most recent data on water-related fatalities available from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario. With the exception of the first chart, all data refers to the most current five-year period, 2016-2020.

### WHO IS DROWNING?

- **77% male**
- **23% female**

### WHERE?

- **Lake/Pond**: 48%
- **River**: 19%
- **Bathtub**: 15%
- **Pool**: 11%
- **Other**: 7%

### WHEN?

- **68%** of drownings occurred from **May** to **Sep**.
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

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<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
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<td>Swimming</td>
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<td>Walking/Running/Playing</td>
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<td>Near Water</td>
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<td>Power Boating</td>
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<td>Canoeing</td>
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<td>Diving/Jumping</td>
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* 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
- 97% Supervision Absent or Distracted
- Not Wearing a PFD
- Alcohol Consumption
- Alone
- Weak or Non-Swimmer

YOUNG ADULTS
AGE: 15-34
- 89% of cases where known of cases where known
- 36% 37%

MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS
AGE: 35-64
- 84% of cases where known
- 41% 56%

OLDER ADULTS
AGE: 65+
- 89% of cases where known
- 13% 69%

BOATING
- 86% of cases where known
- 36% 29%

SWIMMING
- 36% 25% 32%

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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