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, 2012-2016. The 2016 data set for BC is based on partial data. Not all data was available at the time of data collection.

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

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

**WHERE?**

- **Lake/Pond**: 35%
- **River**: 30%
- **Ocean**: 15%
- **Other**: 8%
- **Bathtub**: 7%
- **Pool**: 5%

**WHEN?**

- **64% of drownings occurred from May to Sep**

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

- **Age: 20-34**: 26% (2.0*)
- **Age: 50-64**: 24% (1.7*)
- **Age: 65+**: 19% (1.8*)

*Death Rate per 100,000 / Year

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA WATER-RELATED FATALITIES AND DEATH RATES, 2007-2016**

- **Number of Deaths / Year**
- **Death Rate per 100,000 / Year**

*Death rate cannot be calculated due to incomplete data for 2016*
**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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