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, 2012-2016.

**WHO IS DROWNING?**

- **87% male**
- **13% female**

**WHERE?**

- **Lake/Pond**: 37%
- **River**: 42%
- **Ocean**: 19%
- **Other**: 2%

**WHEN?**

77% of drownings occurred from May to September.

No drownings occurred in a lifeguard supervised setting in Northern Canada between 2012 and 2016.
WHAT WERE THEY DOING?

AQUATIC 21%

BOATING 37%

NON-AQUATIC 27%

Powerboat

Canoe

47%

47%

WATER-RELATED FATALITIES BY MOST COMMON RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

Canoeing
Walking/Running/Playing Near Water
Swimming
Diving/Jumping
Power Boating

25%
25%
14%
11%
7%

WHY? RISK FACTORS

CHILDREN

100% of cases where known
Supervision Absent or Distracted

YOUNG ADULTS

80% Not Wearing a PFD
48% Alcohol Consumption

OLDER ADULTS

78% Not Wearing a PFD
32% Alcohol Consumption
57% Alone

BOATING

77% Not Wearing a PFD
37% Alcohol Consumption
53% Alone

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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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