

# 2016 Drowning Toll Regional Breakdown – Waikato



*Drowning data is sourced from Water Safety New Zealand's DrownBase™ and the figures provided are provisional as at 9 January 2017.*

- 17 people died in preventable drowning incidents in the Waikato region in 2016.

*Preventable fatalities include recreational and non-recreational drowning deaths. They do not include those fatalities classified as 'other' (arising as a result of road or air vehicle accidents, homicide, suicide or of unknown origin) as these are not considered applicable to the prevention and rescue efforts of the water safety sector.*

- 21% of the national total of 81 preventable drowning fatalities occurred in Waikato.
- The number of preventable drowning fatalities in the Waikato is up from 13 in 2015.
- The Waikato's preventable drowning fatalities occurred while the victims were:

Activity	Total preventable
Immersion Incident	5
Land Based Fishing	1
Non Powered Boat	1
Swimming	7
Water Sport/Recreation	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

- The location of preventable drowning fatalities were:

Environment	Total preventable
Beaches	3
Domestic	1
Offshore	1
Rivers	9
Tidal Waters	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

- The gender of the victims were:

Gender	Total preventable
Female	-
Male	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

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- The age groups of the victims were:

Age Group	Total preventable
00-04	1
05-14	1
15-24	4
25-34	4
35-44	3
45-54	2
55-64	-
65+	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

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