

UK Water Related Fatalities 2005

The figures within this table represent the occurrence of fatalities as a result of drowning and other water related incidents within the geographic limits of the UK search and rescue sector. The figures are a result of collaboration between NWSF members and represent our best efforts at outlining the level of water related fatalities occurring in the UK. These figures are intended to inform debate on matters of water safety.

Activity	Residential	Pool	Inland	Coastal	Sea	ALL WATER FATALITIES
Commercial						
Transport				2	3	5
Fishing				3		3
Other Occupational Activity			3	5	5	13
Leisure						
Swimming	1	6	31	13	1	52
Sub Aqua			3	8	7	18
Angling			1	8		9
Sailing			8	6	7	21
Powered Boating			6	1		7
Rowing			1			1
Canoeing			2	1		3
Other Watersports				5		5
Driving		1	17	12		30
Non Intentional Immersion	19		83	17	2	121
Other Intentional Immersion	17		24	15		56
Total Accidental Fatalities	37	7	179	96	25	344
Other fatalities						
Natural Causes			5	8	2	15
Deliberate Fatality	4		50	59	2	115
Subject to Further Enquiry	3		118	82	4	207
Total other fatalities	7	0	173	149	8	337
ALL WATER FATALITIES	44	7	352	245	33	681

The figures presented in the above table relate to events that have occurred on, in or near to water. 435 of these cases we suspect to be accidental drowning, 155 cases are suspected suicides, while 61 cases are crime suspected. In 27 cases, natural causes are the primary suspected cause of the fatality. Note to readers of these figures: Due to the reporting, and quality assurance differences in the datasets used, we cannot guarantee that these figures are free from double entries. There are 16 cases within this set where we strongly suspect a matching event, however at this time we currently have insufficient evidence to confidently merge the cases. Water related fatalities involving UK citizens abroad, have been excluded from the dataset. A copy of the terms and definitions applied to this table is available from the NWSF website to download. National Water Safety Forum (NWSF) and its members have taken reasonable measures to ensure that the information given on the pages is accurate and robust. Any information published is accurate to the best of our knowledge on the stated publication date. The reader is advised to contact the NWSF before publishing or reproducing figures stated in the tables from the NWSF website. The figures may be reproduced in any format or medium for non-commercial research, private study or internal circulation within an organisation. This is subject to it being reproduced accurately and the material must be acknowledged as NWSF copyright with the title and date of the document / publication specified. For any other use of this material please or for more information please contact the NWSF directly.