TRENDS IN DROWNING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Drowning was the sixth leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 468 people died as a result of drowning in NSW.
- There was a statistically significant decline in drowning rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

**Yearly trend in death rates for drowning: NSW, 1986-2002**

- People aged under 5 years and 75-79 years had the highest rates of death due to drowning in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 78% of all drowning deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, natural water (e.g. river, ocean) (48%) and pools (19%) were the most common locations of drowning in NSW.