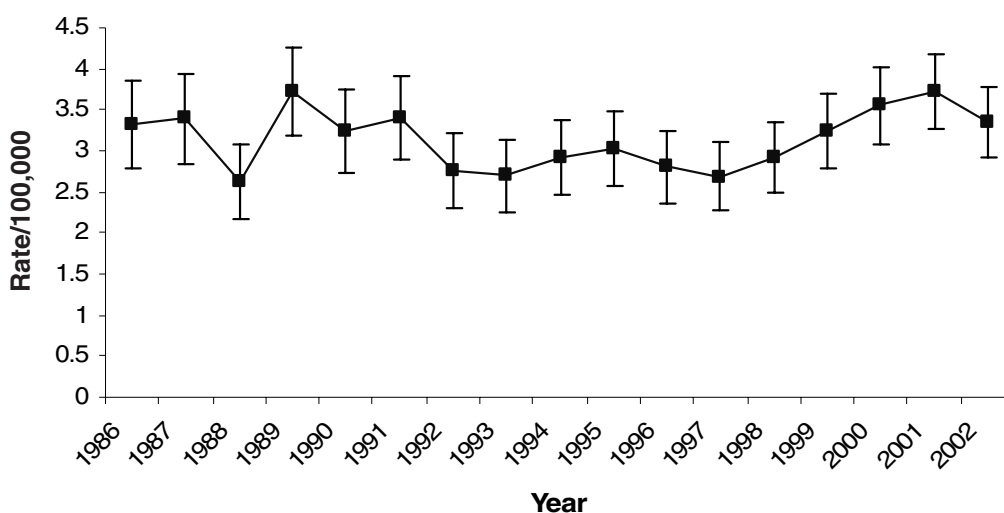


TRENDS IN FALL RELATED DEATHS

IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- ▶ Falls were the fourth leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- ▶ Between 1998 and 2002, 1093 people died as a result of falls in NSW.
- ▶ There was no statistically significant trend in falls death rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

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



- ▶ People aged 70+ years had the highest rates of death due to falls in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- ▶ Males accounted for 59% of all falls deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- ▶ From 1998 to 2002, *falls on the same level-tripped or pushed (15%)* was the most common type of falls death in NSW.



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