TRENDS IN UNINTENTIONAL FIREARM-RELATED DEATHS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Unintentional firearm use was the fifteenth leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 35 people died as a result of unintentional firearm use in NSW.
- There was a statistically significant decline in unintentional firearm-related death rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

### Yearly trend in death rates for unintentional firearm use: NSW, 1986-2002

- People aged 25-29 years and 60-64 years had the highest rates of death due to unintentional firearm use in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 91% of all unintentional firearm-related deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, larger firearm and handgun use (23%) was the most common cause of unintentional firearm related death in NSW.