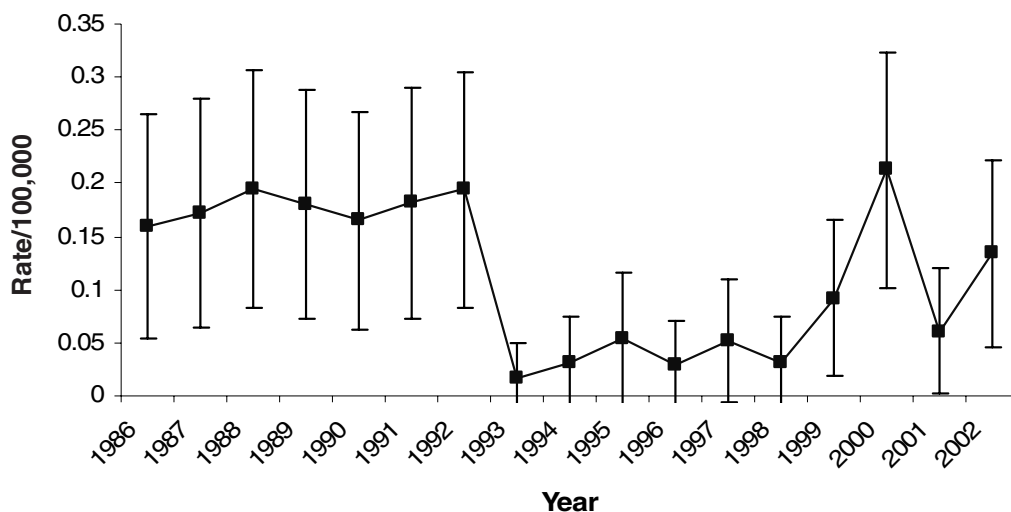


TRENDS IN UNINTENTIONAL FIREARM-RELATED DEATHS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- 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.



Produced by the NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre,
The University of New South Wales – June 2005

Source: Schmettmann ML, CF Finch and AM Williamson (2004).
NSW Injury Profile: A review of injury deaths during 1998–2002.
Sydney, NSW Injury Risk Management Research Centre.

<http://www.irmrc.unsw.edu.au/Publications/centrereports.asp>

THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW SOUTH WALES

