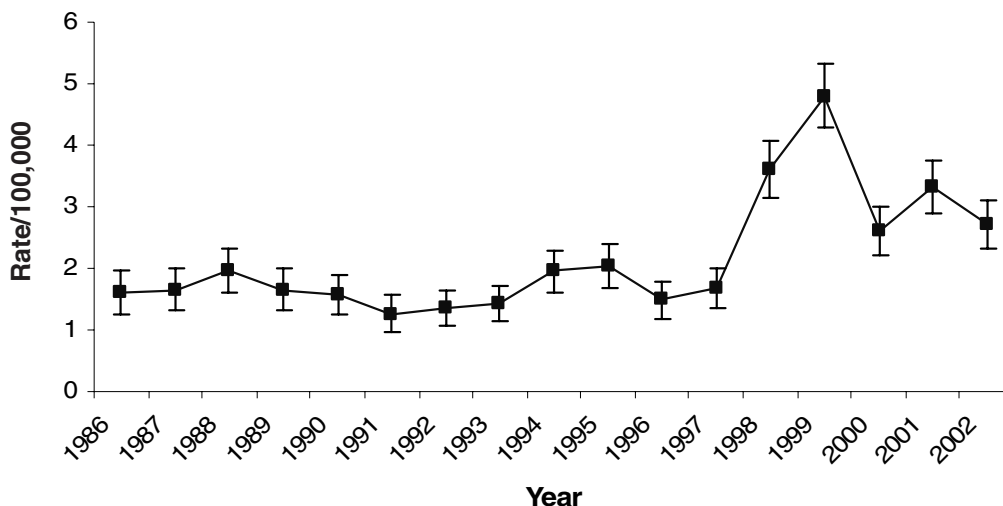


TRENDS IN UNINTENTIONAL POISONING DEATHS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Unintentional poisoning was the third leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 1118 people died as a result of unintentional poisoning in NSW.
- There was a statistically significant increase in unintentional poisoning death rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.

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



- People aged 25-44 years had the highest rates of death due to unintentional poisoning in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 73% of all unintentional poisoning deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, *narcotics and hallucinogens* (42%) and *other pharmaceuticals* (41%) were the most common causes of unintentional poisoning death in NSW.



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