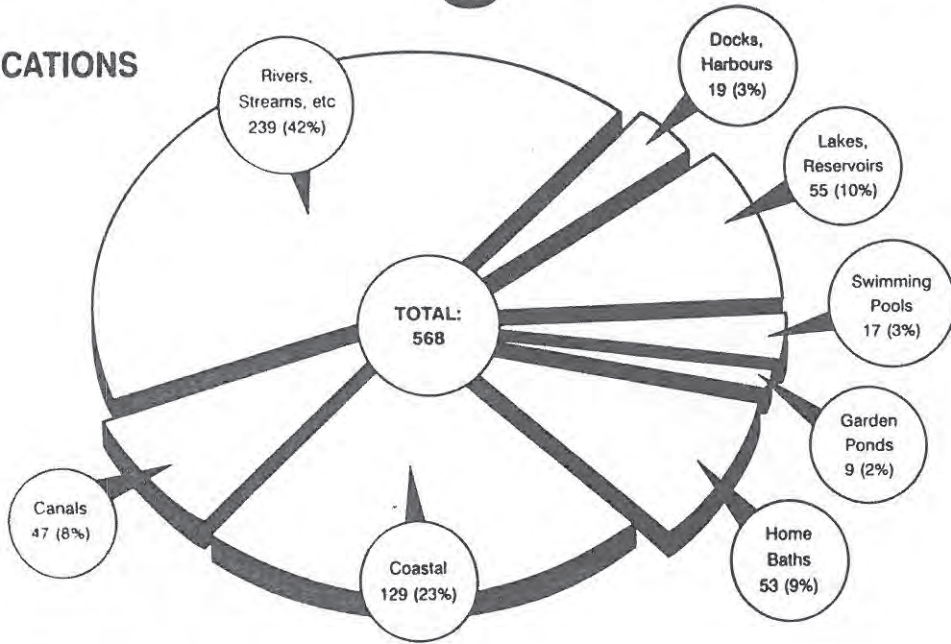


Drownings in the UK 1998

BY LOCATIONS



The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Rospa.com/statistics



THE data for 1998 show a 20% increase in the number of annual drownings over 1997, a total of 568. This dramatic increase is due mainly to changes in the data collection process and does not necessarily signify an increase in the actual number of people drowning. The new data collection process has been devised by RoSPA in conjunction with the RLSS (UK) to improve on the previous reliance on press cuttings.

The data now show a greater number of drownings associated with rivers - 239. Severe flooding during the autumn and winter claimed 21 lives adding to the total. Home bathing incidents have also doubled from 24 in 1997 to 53 in 1998.

The proportion of male drownings continues to be approximately four times that of females. The data clearly shows that the group considered most at risk has extended to encompass males between the ages of 35 to 55, with a slightly higher risk associated with 25 to 29 year old males and females.

Despite the overall rise in drownings, those occurring in lakes and reservoirs have actually fallen from 78 in 1997 to 55 in 1998.

Encouragingly, the under 5's drownings have remained static at 22, despite increasingly accurate reporting procedures.

Further breakdowns of drowning data to meet individual statistical requirements can be obtained from the RoSPA Water and Leisure Safety Department.

BY ACTIVITIES/BEHAVIOUR

Angling		Swimming	33
From Land	13	Playing	7
From Boat	2	Canoeing	4
Total	15	Rescue	7
Fell In	75	Cycling	2
Boating	62	Sub-aqua	16
In Vehicles	22		

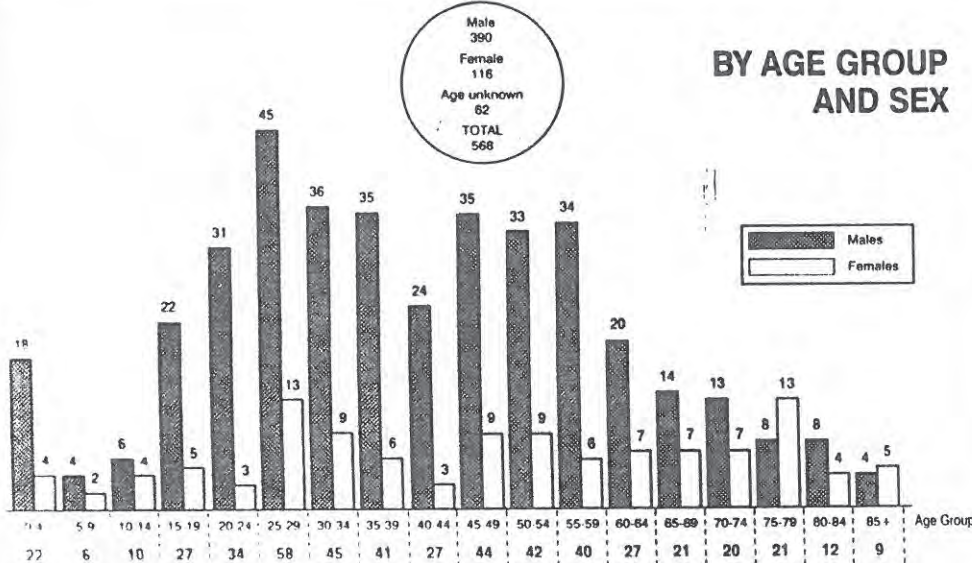
DROWNINGS IN SWIMMING POOLS

Public	4	TOTAL 17
Home	4	
Private	9	

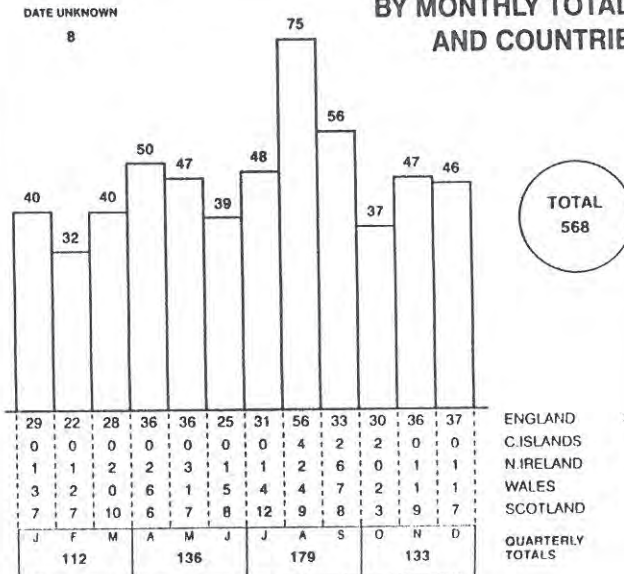
RIVERS WITH MOST DROWNINGS

Thames	43	Great Ouse	6
Severn	9	Medway	5

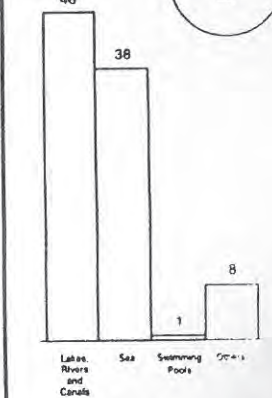
BY AGE GROUP AND SEX



BY MONTHLY TOTALS AND COUNTRIES



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