Drug-Related Deaths

2013 figures from the Health Research Board



2013

679 Deaths

people died each day from poisoning, trauma or medical causes Premature deaths:

50 % were 41 or younger

of deaths were

Poisonings 2013

387

the number of people poisoned by **drugs**

Alcohol was involved in

1 3 poisoning deaths



40%

of poisonings involved benzodiazepines



3 in 5

male

who died took a mixture of drugs



1 in 5

poisoning deaths involved heroin



Half

of heroin-related deaths were injectors

Non-Poisonings 2013

These are deaths due to trauma (e.g. hanging) or medical causes (e.g. cardiac events) among people who use drugs

292

the number of deaths among people who use drugs

1 in 4

non-poisoning deaths were a result of **hanging**



6 in 10

of people who died by hanging had history of **mental health illness**.

NEED ADVICE

If you have any concerns regarding drugs you should contact: www.drugs.ie or call 1800 459 459

Family members affected by drugs can contact the National Family Support Network: **www.fsn.ie** or call **01 8980148**