

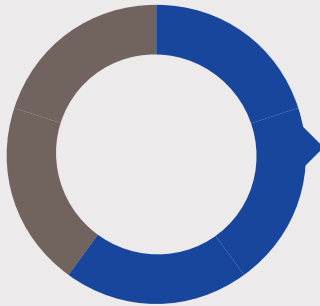
# 2017 : DRUG-RELATED DEATHS IN IRELAND

## POISONING DEATHS IN 2017

**376** POISONING DEATHS



**43 yrs**  
MEDIAN AGE



**3 in 5**

INVOLVED POLYDRUGS  
WITH AN AVERAGE OF  
4 DIFFERENT DRUGS  
IMPLICATED



**70%**  
WERE MALE

## DRUGS IMPLICATED IN POISONING DEATHS

**ALCOHOL**  
**1 in 3**

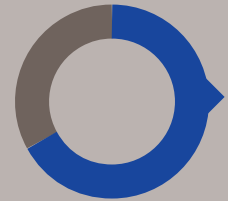


**67%**

OF POISONING DEATHS INVOLVED

**LICIT DRUGS**

(PRESCRIBABLE OR OVER-THE-COUNTER)



**1 IN 4**  
**METHADONE**

**1 IN 4**  
**DIAZEPAM**

**47 TO 63**  
**ALPRAZOLAM**

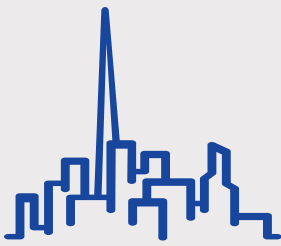


**ILLICIT DRUGS**



**8 TO 14** : **42 TO 53** : **74 TO 77**  
**MDMA** : **COCAINE** : **HEROIN**

## INJECTING AT TIME OF DEATH IN 2017



**2 in 5**  
OCCURRED  
IN DUBLIN CITY



**94%**  
INVOLVED  
OPIOIDS



**3 in 5**  
ALONE AT TIME  
OF INJECTING

## NON-POISONING DEATHS IN 2017

**410** **NON-POISONING DEATHS**  
AMONG PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS; MEDICAL E.G. CARDIAC  
OR TRAUMA E.G. HANGING



**1 in 4**  
DUE TO  
HANGING

**6 in 10**

DEATHS DUE TO  
HANGING HAD A  
HISTORY OF MENTAL  
HEALTH PROBLEMS



**35 yrs**  
MEDIAN AGE  
TRAUMA



**1 in 10**

DUE TO  
CARDIAC  
CAUSES



**49 yrs**  
MEDIAN AGE  
MEDICAL

### NEED ADVICE

If you have any concerns regarding drugs you should contact:  
[www.drugs.ie](http://www.drugs.ie) or call 1800 459 459

Family members affected by drugs can contact the National Family Support Network:  
[www.fsn.ie](http://www.fsn.ie) or call 01 898 0148