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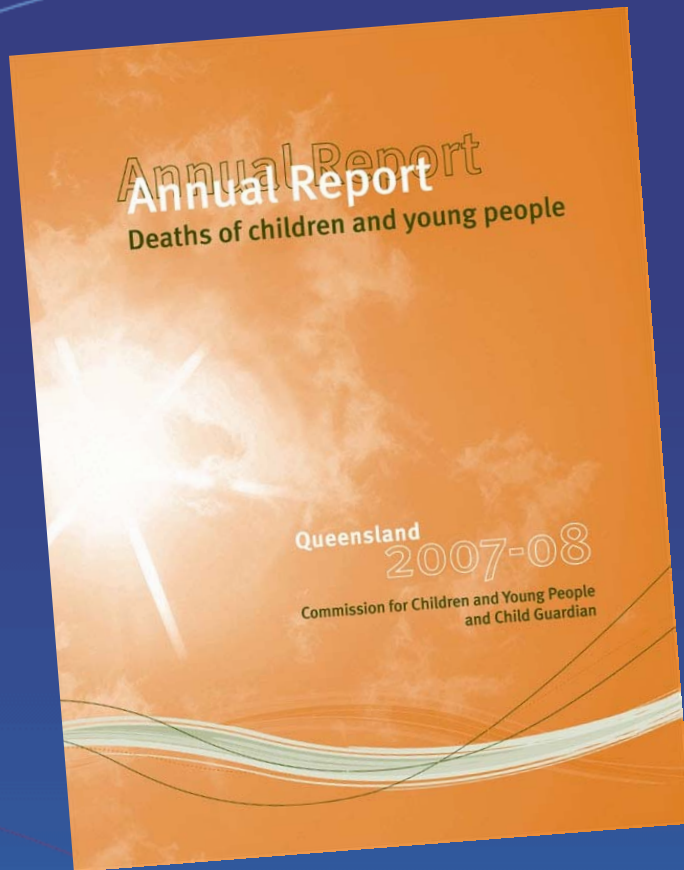
Briefing on 2007-08 child death annual reports

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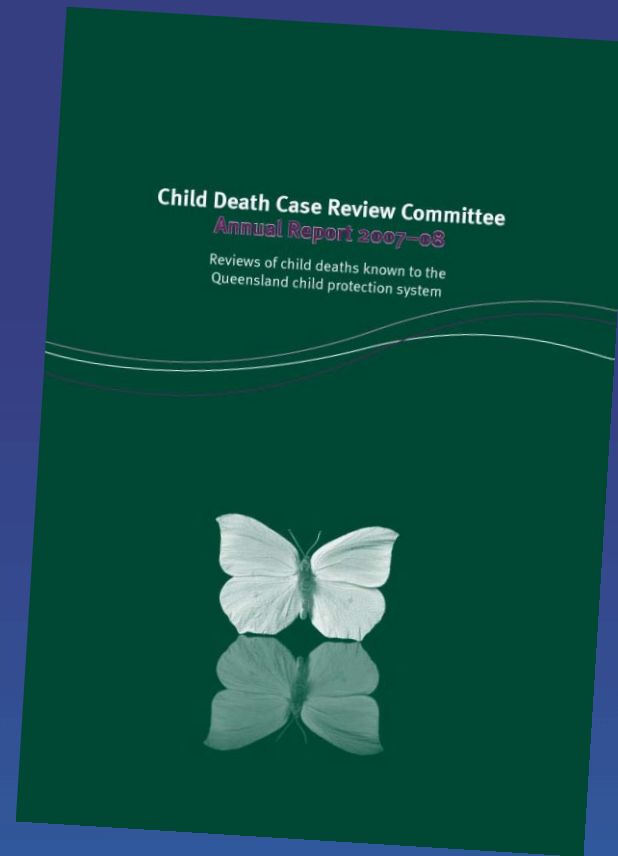


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2007-08 child death reports



Deaths of Children and Young People
Annual Report 2007-08



Child Death Case Review Committee
Annual Report 2007-08



Transport

- Leading external cause of death for all children aged over 1 year

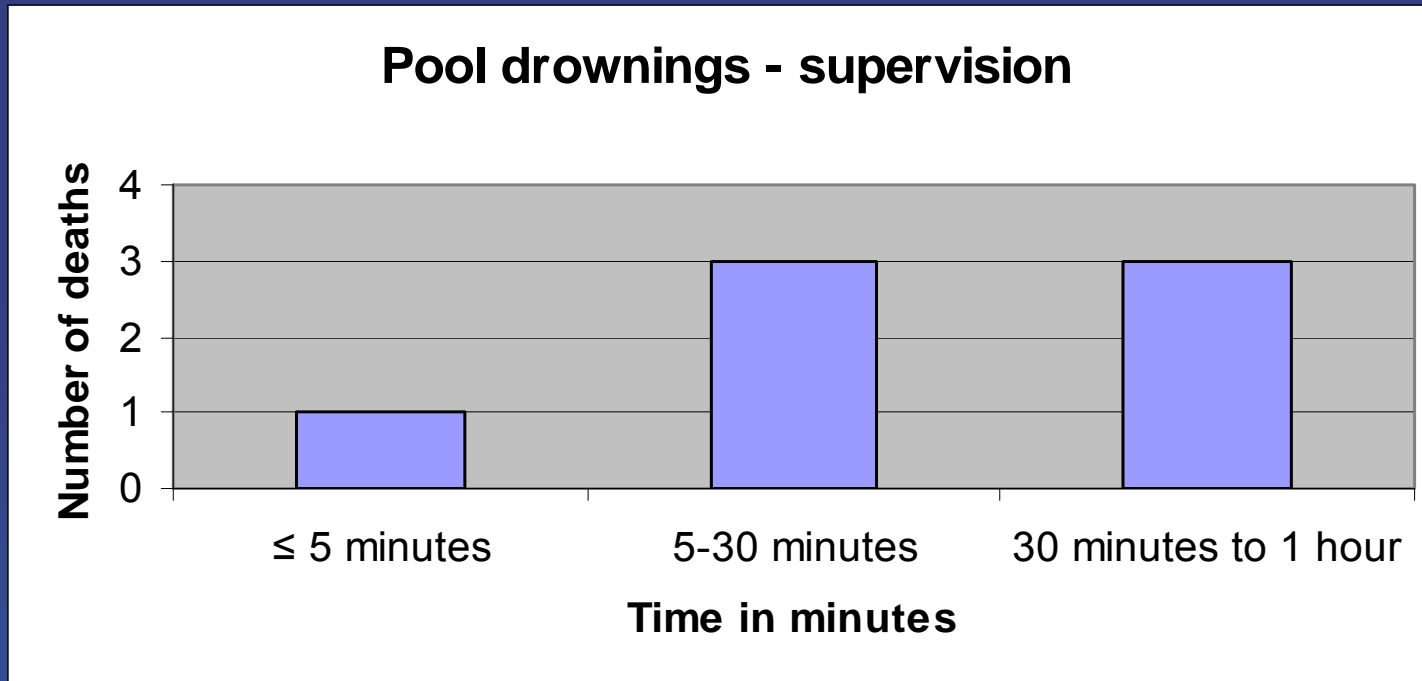


Transport

- 37% of children in a car accident were not wearing seatbelts
- 50% of children in motorcycle incidents were not wearing helmets
- There is a clear need to promote the use of seatbelts and protective clothing to reduce crash injuries



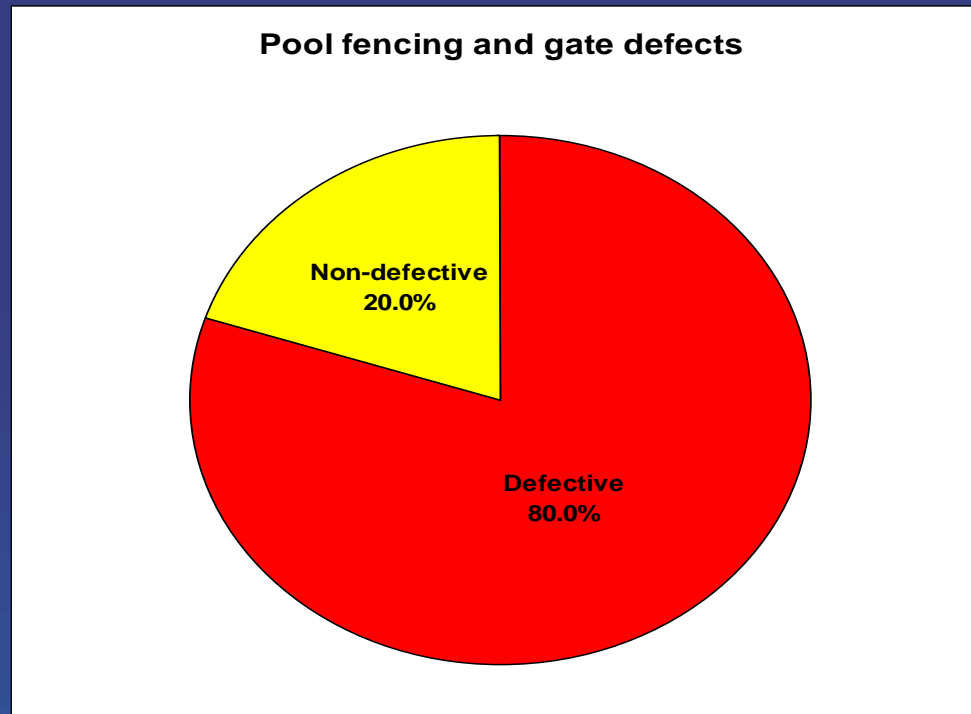
Drowning



- Active supervision is key to preventing child drowning. No children under 5 years were in direct line of sight when they drowned



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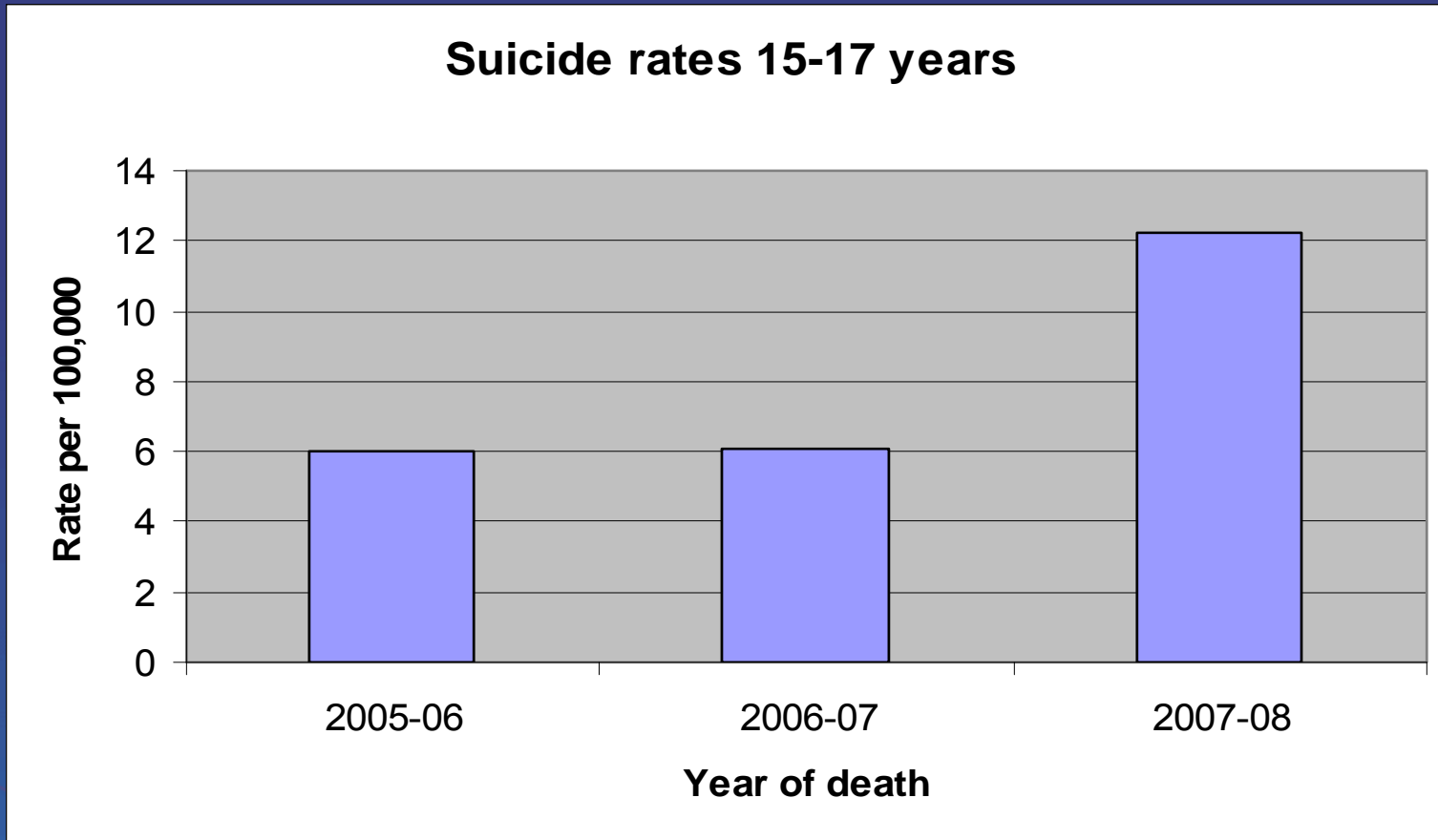
- Pool fences must be properly maintained in order to be compliant and minimise the risk of drowning

Fatal assault

- All children were fatally assaulted by a family member
- Most fatal assaults occurred in the family home
- Over 80% were known to the Department of Child Safety
- No children were in care at the time of death



Suicide



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- Over half the children who suicided stated their intent prior to suiciding
- Two-thirds stated intent within 24 hours before death
- It is imperative to take the threat of suicide seriously



Child Death Prevention Strategy - ABC

- **Access** to regular reports and bulletins on child death trends and issues evident from the data
- **Build** research partnerships under the Commission's Act with genuine researchers that extend current understandings about ways to address risk factors in preventable child deaths
- **Change** attitudes, behaviours, environments and laws to make things safer for children, through formal recommendations, advocacy and supporting stakeholders to perform their existing prevention activities



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