

# Drug-Related Deaths

2013 figures from the Health Research Board



2013

**679**  
Deaths

**2** 

people died each day from poisoning, trauma or medical causes

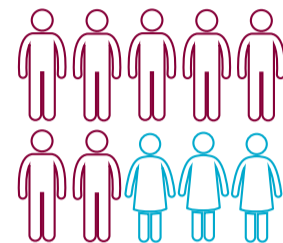
Premature deaths:

**50** % 

were **41** or younger

**7** in **10**

of deaths were male



## Poisonings 2013

**387**

the number of people poisoned by **drugs**

Alcohol was involved in

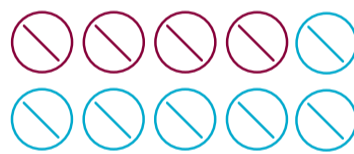
**1** in **3**

poisoning deaths



**40** % 

of poisonings involved benzodiazepines



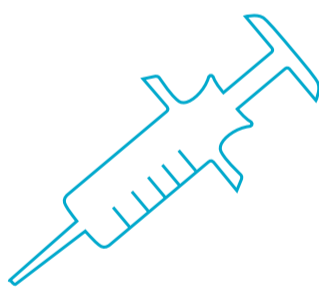
**3** in **5**

who died took a mixture of drugs



**1** in **5**

poisoning deaths involved heroin



**Half**

of heroin-related deaths were injectors

## Non-Poisonings 2013

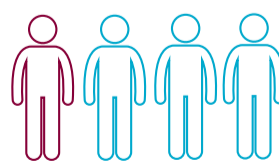
These are deaths due to trauma (e.g. hanging) or medical causes (e.g. cardiac events) among people who use drugs

**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](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 8980148**