

# National Drug Related Deaths Index - 2014 data

## 2014 Drug-related deaths

# 697

## Deaths

Poisonings 354  
Non-poisonings 343

# 50%

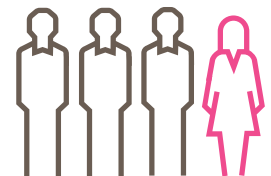
Premature deaths aged 39 years or younger



39yrs

# 3 in 4

male



## Poisoning deaths 2014

# 354

Deaths

decrease 11%  
from 397 in 2013

# 2 in 3

took a mixture of drugs. On average 4 different types



Alcohol implicated in

# 1 in 3



## Drugs implicated in deaths

### Prescription

**3** in every **4** deaths involved prescription drugs

**1 in 3**

**Diazepam** most common prescription drug implicated



**3 in 10**

**Methadone**

### Illicit

**Heroin**

**1 in 4**



**Half**

of heroin-related deaths were injectors

**Cocaine** ↑ **25%** since 2013

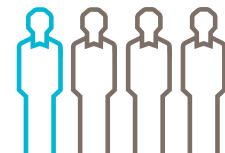
## Non-Poisoning deaths 2014

**343**  
Deaths

increase 14%  
from 301 in 2013

**1 in 4**

deaths as a result of hanging



↑ **21%**

increase in hanging since 2013

**2 in 3**

of those who died by hanging had a 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