

Dietary Supplements	0.0001%
Honey Bee Stings	0.0008%
Insect Stings (All)	0.0020%
Sports injuries	0.0020%
Lightning	0.0041%
Animal Bites (dogs, etc)	0.0048%
Horse/animal riding	0.0052%
Penicillin Allergy	0.0144%
Slips/Falls Whilst Walking	0.019%
Electrical Accidents	0.038%
Freezing	0.048%
Firearms Accidents	0.079%
Poisonings	0.17%
Asthma	0.19%
Home Fires	0.19%
Drowning	0.21%
Food	0.24%
Pedestrians-vehicle	0.37%
Radon Gas	0.62%
Murder	0.94%
Suicide	1.41%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2.20%
<u>Preventable</u> Medical Misadventure	2.40%
Alcohol	4.49%
<u>Properly Prescribed & Used Drugs</u>	5.18%
Smoking	7.19%
Cancer	22.11%
Cardiovascular Disease	47%

http://www.laleva.cc/supplements/medical_injury_law.pdf

1. Properly researched, regulated, prescribed and properly used drugs are the fourth most common cause of death – but they are never

reported. (Source, Journal of the American Medical Association - Range 90,000 to 160,000 deaths per year.) That's a Boeing 747 crashing every day!

2. **46 people die every day from Aspirin alone in the USA.**

3. Avoidable medical misadventure is the sixth most common cause of death. (Source, CDC - range 40,000 to 90,000) In Australia 9,000 people die from avoidable medical misadventure every year. (Source, Australian Medical Journal). In Australia 50,000 people are maimed by medical misadventure every year. (AMJ)

4. The figures used in this chart are at the lower end of the range (we wouldn't want to be accused of exaggerating!)

5. Food poisoning/adverse reactions causes between 5,000 to 9,000 deaths per year. (Source, CDC.)

6. **Dietary supplements have averaged less than 5 confirmed deaths per year over the past 25 years in the USA.** Most of those relate to a single batch of genetically engineered tryptophan introduced in the late 1980's. (Source, CDC/FDA) There have been no proven deaths to dietary supplements in NZ.

7. A wide range of dietary supplements are consumed by over 50% of the population in both the USA and New Zealand (Source, NIH/MOH)

8. You are less likely to die from taking a supplement than dying from bee stings, sports injuries, lightening, animal bites, horse riding, radon gas, etc, etc.

9. Dietary supplements are incredibly safe.

10. Dietary supplements have the potential to reduce deaths from cancers and heart disease by over 50%. (Optimists would go as high as 75%)

11. **Greater than 26,000 times more people die from preventable medical misadventure and properly regulated, properly prescribed**

and properly used drugs than from dietary supplements.

12. You can have every confidence in assuring the safety of dietary supplements.

13. There have been two deaths reported as being linked to dietary supplements in NZ – both were in people with malignant cancer who consumed the herbal mixture K4. Neither were proven to be due to K4. The coroner in one case said there was no evidence to link K4 to one of the deaths – he had terminal cancer of the liver, took K4 and died of liver failure. Officials tried to blame his death on K4. Despite the evidence to the contrary, K4 was banned.

14. There was a recent media report linking Ginkgo Biloba to the death of a heart patient due to cerebral haemorrhage. The patient had been taking Ginkgo for some time. **He was also taking blood thinning drugs** which are notorious for causing cerebral haemorrhage. **Contrary to media reports**, papers obtained by the NNFA under the official information act revealed that the MARC did not find Ginkgo to be the cause of death.