Relatable risks

Event	Risk	Note	Evidence
Chance of winning 1 st Division Powerball lotto in Australia in any given draw	1 in 134 million	This is a rounded estimate based on the cited chance of 1 in 134,490,400.	1
Chance of any given pregnancy resulting in identical quadruplets	1 in 15 million	This is a crude estimate; actual risk may fall somewhere between 1 in 11 to 15 million.	2,3
Chance of being in a fatal shark attack in a year in Australia	1 in 8 million	This is a crude estimate averaged across the whole population, assuming three to four Australians die annually from shark attacks and dividing by 26 million (Australia's approximate population). Actual risk may depend on location and lifestyle.	4
Chance of dying from being struck by lightning in a year in Australia	1 in 4 million	This is a conservative estimate of the average risk of death from lightning strike, assuming 10 deaths per year and dividing by 26 million (Australia's approximate population), and going a bit lower than this to be safe, which comes to 0.25 cases per million.	5,6
Lifetime chance of dying by drowning in the bath	1 in 685,000	This is a crude estimate averaged across the whole population; actual risk may depend on age.	7,8
Chance of dying by assault in a year in Australia	1 in 105,000	This is a rounded estimate based on the reported chance of 1 in 106,597, an average risk across the whole population.	9
Chance of any given skydive jump resulting in death	1 in 100,000	This is a crude estimate averaged across the whole population; actual risk may depend on lifestyle.	4
Chance of being killed in a car accident in a year in Australia	1 in 18,000	Estimate based on a reported 5.57 road fatalities per 100,000 registered motor vehicles, averaged across the whole population; actual risk may depend on age.	10
Lifetime chance of dying by choking on food in Australia	1 in 5000	This is a rounded estimate based on the reported chance of 1 in 5354, which is averaged across the whole population. In reality this may depend on age.	11

Chance of any given base jump resulting in death	1 in 2500	This is rounded from the crude estimate of 430 in a million, which is averaged across the whole population. Actual risk may depend on lifestyle, location and skill level.	12
Chance of being born with polydactyly (extra digits on the upper or lower limbs) in Australia	1 in 1000	This is rounded from the cited estimate of 1 in 1123, which is averaged across the whole population. Actual risk may depend on genetics.	13
Chance of being diagnosed with cancer in the next year in Australia	1 in 200	This is rounded from the cited estimate of 1 in 170, which is averaged across the whole population. Actual risk may depend on genetics and lifestyle.	14
Chance of being hospitalised from a fall in a year in Australia	1 in 100	This is rounded from the cited estimate of 920 per 100,000 population, which is averaged across the whole population. Actual risk may depend on age.	15
Chance of receiving a speeding ticket in a year in Australia	1 in 12	Estimate based on provided source estimate of 8% of Australia's population of approximately 26 million receiving a speeding fine from May 2020 to April 2021. This is equal to 1 in 12.5, which has been rounded. Chance is averaged across the whole population; actual risk may depend on age.	16
Chance of getting food poisoning in a year in Australia	1 in 6	Estimate based on 26 million (Australia's approximate population) divided by provided source estimate of 4.1 million Australians affected by food poisoning annually.	17
Lifetime chance of developing shingles	1 in 3	This is a crude estimate averaged across the whole population. Actual risk may depend on genetics.	18

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