Drowning in Utah
Data from 2007-2016

2018 Factsheet

Overall Drowning Deaths

26 is the average number of unintentional drowning deaths in Utah each year.¹

7 out of 10 drowning victims were male.¹

Drowning Deaths Among Children

33% of all drowning deaths in Utah were among children aged 0-18.¹

43% of drowning deaths among children aged 0-18 occurred in open water, such as rivers, lakes, canals, or reservoirs.²

56% of drowning deaths among children (aged 0-18) occurred during the months June, July, and August.²

30% occurred in a pool.²

18% occurred in a tub.²

9% occurred in an “other” location.²

Tips to stay safe in the water

• Never leave an infant or young child alone in the bathtub.
• When not in use, drain kiddie pools and buckets.
• Enclose pools and hot tubs with self-closing and locking gates/fences.
• Teach children and teens to always swim with an adult.
• Learn CPR.
• Everyone should wear a life jacket when in any open bodies of water.
• When around water designate a water safety adult to actively supervise all who are playing in the water.
• If you are having a hard time locating your child, check areas where they might gain access to water first.

References