

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

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

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

1. Utah Death Certificate Database, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah Department of Health, 2007-2016. Data queried via Utah's Indicator Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH) [cited May 2018].
2. Violence and Injury Prevention Program, Utah Department of Health. Child Fatality Database.