

Drowning in Utah

2019 Fact Sheet

All Drownings

27

unintentional deaths by drowning occur in Utah each year.¹



7 out of 10

of drowning victims are male.¹



Children



31%

of all drowning deaths in Utah are children.¹



56%

of child drownings happen in June, July, and August.²



30%

Happen in open water ^{2*}



30%

happen in a pool ^{2*}



21%

happen in a tub ^{2*}



20%

happen in other locations ^{2*}

Tips to stay safe in the water



- Never leave a child alone in the bathtub.
- When not in use, drain kiddie pools and buckets.
- Enclose pools and hot tubs with self-closing & locking gates.
- Teach children and teens to always swim with an adult.
- Everyone should wear a life jacket when in open bodies of water.
- Designate a water safety adult to actively supervise people in the water.
- Learn CPR.
- If you can't locate your child, check water access areas first.

References

1. Utah Death Certificate Database, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah Department of Health, 2008-2017. Data queried via Utah's Indicator Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH) [cited May 2019].

2. Violence and Injury Prevention Program, Utah Department of Health. Child Fatality Database.

* Percentages do not add up to 100 due to rounding.