

Drownings in Utah

2011-2020

All drowning deaths in Utah

29%
of Utah drowning
deaths are children
aged 0-18.

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Utahns die from
drowning each year.

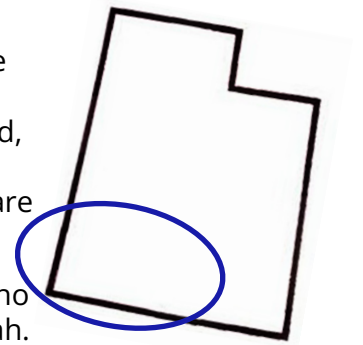
68%
of Utah drowning
victims are male.

Drowning deaths among children

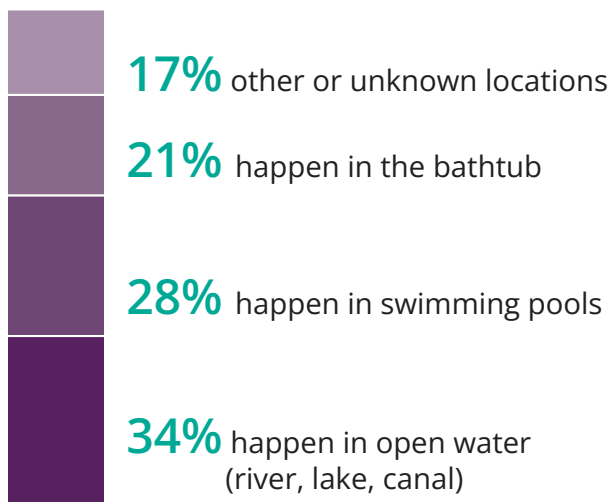
52% of Utah children who
drown were toddlers aged 1-4.

70% of Utah drownings
among children happen in late
spring and summer months, May
through August.

Children who live in the
Southwest Utah health
district (Beaver, Garfield,
Iron, Kane, and
Washington counties) are
2 times more likely to
drown than children who
live in other parts of Utah.



The most common locations where Utah children drown



Ways to stay safe around the water

- Never leave your child alone in the bathtub.
- Children and teens should always swim with an adult.
- Check water sources, like pools, streams, or canals if you can't find your child.
- Designate an adult water watcher to actively supervise children in and around the water at all times.
- Everyone should wear a life jacket when in open bodies of water.
- Learn CPR to help save a life.
- Drain kiddie pools and buckets of water when not in use.
- Enclose pools and hot tubs with self-closing and locking gates.

References: Utah Death Certificate Database, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah Department of Health, 2011-2020. Data queried via Utah's Indicator Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH) [June 2022].