

# Drowning in Utah

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## Drowning deaths in Utah

**25%**

of Utah drowning deaths are children aged 0–18 years.

**38**

Utahns die from drowning each year.

**63%**

of Utah drowning victims are male.

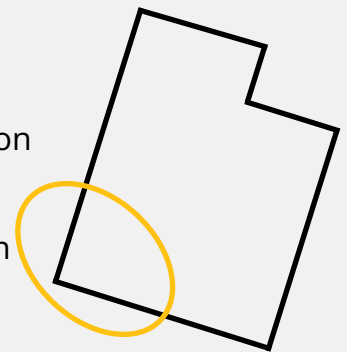
## Drowning deaths among children

**51%** of Utah children who drown were toddlers aged 1 to 4 years old.

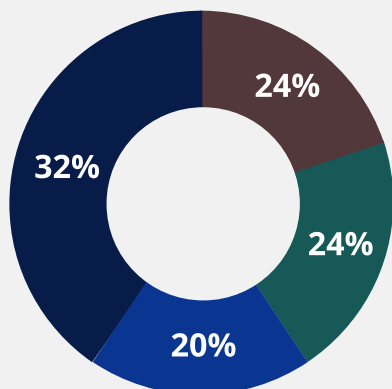
**56%** of Utah drownings among children happen during the summer months, June through August.

Children who live in the southwest Utah health district (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington counties) are

**2x** more likely to drown than children who live in other parts of Utah.



## Locations where Utah children drown



- Happened in a swimming pool or hot tub.
- Happened in open water.
- Other or unknown location.
- Happened in a bathtub.

## Ways to stay safe around the water

- Never leave children 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 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 gates that self-close and lock.

References: Utah Death Certificate Database, Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Utah Department of Health, 2014-2023. Data queried via Utah's Indicator Based Information System for Public Health (IBIS-PH) [April 2025].