

# FACTS ON CHILDHOOD DROWNING

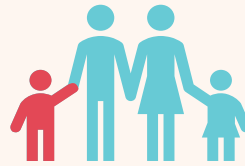
## Snapshot of Child Drowning

From 2016-2021 in Kansas<sup>1</sup>, there were:

**51** child drowning deaths

**326** nonfatal recorded child drownings

**3,364** Years of Potential Life Lost<sup>2</sup>



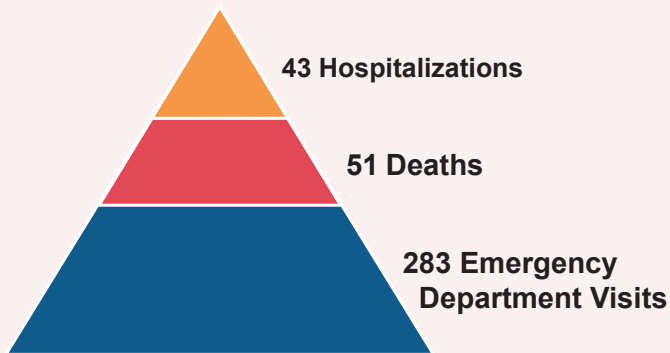
Children account for  
1 in 4 Drowning Deaths



Boys account for 73% of child  
drowning deaths

## Overall Child Drowning Injuries

### Drowning Injuries Among Children 0-19 Years



For every child that drowns, six more are treated in the emergency department for near drowning.

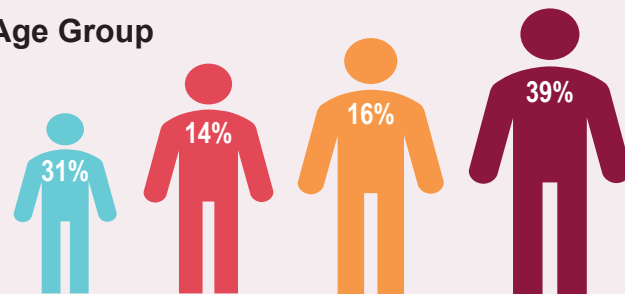


15.2% of children treated in emergency departments for near drowning will require hospitalization or transfer for further care.

## Overall Child Drowning Deaths

### Drowning Deaths Among Children 0-19 by Age Group

- Age: 0-4 years
- Age 5-9 years
- Age: 10-14 years
- Age: 15-19 years



## Settings of Fatal Child Drownings

Number, Percent Total, and Yearly Average of Fatal Unintentional Drownings by Setting Among Children 0-19 Years  
**80% of drownings occurred from May to August**



Children account for the majority of all swimming pool drownings (~57%).

The likelihood of drowning in natural water settings (e.g., lakes, ponds, or rivers) increases with age. Among children, it is highest among the age group 15-19 years.

<sup>1</sup>All statistics are based on reports from 2016-2021 in Kansas.

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Web based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS). Retrieved 10/19/22 from [www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/fatal.html)