

Violence and Injury Prevention Unit

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2014 King County Unintentional Drowning Deaths

(preliminary #'s to made final later summer)

***Number of Cases Reviewed = 15**

Age

0 - 4 = 0 5 -14 = 0 15 - 24 = 5 25 - 44 =1 45 - 64 = 4 >65 = 5
Unknown = 0 Under age 18 = 1

Sex

Male = 13 Female = 2

Ethnicity

Caucasian = 12 Asian, Asian-American, or Pacific Island = 0 African-American /African/West Indian = 2
American Indian or Alaska Native = 0 Latino/Hispanic = 1 Multi-racial = 0 Other = 0 Unknown = 0
Known Immigrant, Foreign Visitor, Non-English Speaker, or Child of Immigrant Parents =

City of Incident

East King County = 2 Seattle = 9 South King County & Vashon = 4

Month of Incident

January= 3 February = 1 March = 0 April = 1 May = 0 June= 1 July = 3
August = 4 September = 0 October = 1 November = 1 December = 0

Day of Week

Saturday = 2 Sunday = 2 Monday = 4 Tuesday = 1 Wednesday = 1 Thursday = 2
Friday = 3 Unknown = 0

Time of Incident

12AM – 6AM= 1 6:01AM – 12PM = 3 12:01PM - 6PM =2 6:01PM – 12AM = 7 Unknown = 2

Type of Water

Open Water = 9 Private Pool, Spa, or Tub = 6** Public Health Regulated Facility = 0 Other (buckets etc.)= 0
Puget Sound = 0 Green River = 0 Lake Washington= 4
Green Lake = 2 Lake Sammamish, Snoqualmie River = 0
Five Mile Lake=1 Lake Kathleen=1 Unknown pond=1
Total River cases= 0

Alcohol and/or Other Drugs Indicated: 7 Open water deaths involving alcohol: 3

River drowning deaths involving alcohol: 0

Boating related deaths (includes kayak and falls off boats): 3

Open water drowning that life jacket may have prevented: 8

****Some involve underlying health conditions and elders and level of drowning prevention is debatable**

***NOTE:**

This information is courtesy of Dr. Richard Harruff and Greg Hewett, Public Health-Seattle & King County (PHSKC), Prevention Division, King County Medical Examiner's Office.

PHSKC – Injury Prevention staff completed this summary. This summary includes (only):

- Cases where the incident occurred in King County
- Cases that the Medical Examiner ruled “accidental”
- Cases the Medical Examiner ruled “undetermined” but have obvious preventable circumstances and no evidence of suicide or homicide

This summary does NOT include:

- Intentional drowning deaths such as suicides or homicides
- Drowning deaths ruled “undetermined” but with circumstances that do not rule-out homicide or suicide
- Drowning deaths related to traffic crashes in which a motor vehicle becomes submerged
- Drowning deaths where the incident took place outside of King County but where the decedent died in a King County hospital