



# Child Deaths in Idaho, 2013

All 182 deaths to children under age 18 occurring in Idaho in 2013 were initially screened by a subcommittee. A case was selected for full review when it met one or more of the following criteria:

1. Death was due to an external cause
2. Cause of death was unexplained
3. Death was due to a cause with identified risk factors

## Findings from the Idaho Child Fatality Review Team

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### Top 10 Actions for Preventing Child Deaths

1. Follow American Academy of Pediatrics infant safe sleep practices (on back, infant's own crib, avoid thick bedding/bumpers/pillows)
2. Do not smoke during pregnancy or around children of any age
3. Use age appropriate safety restraints in vehicles
4. Be attentive when driving (avoid distractions such as multiple passengers and electronic devices) and maintain a safe speed for conditions.
5. Do not drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs
6. Closely supervise children of all ages when swimming or playing near the water
7. Enroll children in formal swimming lessons that include water safety techniques
8. Store guns safely and securely
9. Know the signs of suicide risk and take action
10. Get your child immunized (including an annual flu vaccine)

	Screened by CFR Subcommittee	Reviewed by CFR Team
Perinatal Conditions/Congenital Malformations	76	5
Unintentional Injuries (Accidents)	41	41
Suicide	14	14
Unexplained Infant Death (SUID)	18	18
Assault (Homicide)	3	3
Malignancies	5	0
Flu/Pneumonia	5	5
Cerebrovascular/Heart Disease	2	0
Non-ranking/All Other Causes	18	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>92</b>

## Unintentional Injuries

There were 20 motor vehicle accident deaths to children and teens in 2013. Distracted driving, speeding and driver error were leading causes. More than half of the victims of traffic accidents were not properly restrained with a seat belt or safety seat.

Two fatalities were to pedestrians who were struck by backing vehicles. Two children died while riding in the bed of a pick-up.

Other accident fatalities to children in 2013 included drowning (8), fires (3), crush injuries (2), firearms (2) and accidents to infants in the sleeping environment (4).