

182 Dam Related Fatalities

Please join us in working to prevent more fatalities.

Since 2010 (22 lives lost)

1990 - 2009 (40)

2000's (20)

- Cedar Rapids (LHDcedarrapids.html) - July 29, 2009, Christopher Clark, jet skiing
- Des Moines (LHDcenter.html) - June 30, 2009, Alan Neely, boating
- Independence (LHDindielowerdams.html) - July 30, 2007, Rich Droste, swimming
- Des Moines (LHDscottave.html) - July 4, 2007, Franco Ventura, swimming
- Alden (LHDalden.html) - April 29, 2007, Drew Goodknight & Jon Hill, canoeing
- Brushy Creek (EDbrushyck.html) - April 26, 2007, John & Frank Greenwood, fishing
- Boone (LHDboone.html) - July 10, 2006, Megan Pavelick, inner tube floating
- Humboldt (LHDreasoner.html) - May 6, 2006, Michael Milligan, fishing
- Ames (LHDusfilter.html) - April 17, 2005, Thomas Manatt, canoeing
- Adel (LHDadel.html) - June 15, 2003, Troy Morrison, fishing
- Des Moines (LHDscottave.html) - August 10, 2002, Steven Nourse, kayaking
- August 5, 2002, Leo Schreck & Laurence Ritter, fishing boat capsized below Lock & Dam 19, Keokuk, Lee County
- Palisades (LHDpalisades.html) - July 8, 2002, Norman Kauffman & Merwyn Schlabach, wading
- Adel (LHDadel.html) - May 26, 2001, Cory Hart, swimming
- Fertile (LHDfertile.html) - June 10, 2001, Swimmer jumped into boil at low-head dam
- Linn Grove (LHDlinngrove.html) - May 30, 2000, Charles Ebel, fell into boil while fishing

1990's (20)

- March 29, 1999, one died after fishing boat capsized below Red Rock Dam, Des Moines River, Marion County

- Des Moines (LHDcenterst.html) - July, 1996, Mark Feters, boating
- Littleton (LHDlittleton.html) - July 1, 1996, Melvin Lightfoot, Sr. & his son Melvin Lightfoot, Jr., fishing boat capsized
- Mason City (LHDmasoncity.html) - June 27, 1996, Mike McCloskey & Rufino (Rudy) Heredia, inner tube floating
- Iowa City (LHDburlingtonst.html) - October 4, 1994, Cameron Inghram, fell in just above the dam
- Iowa City (LHDburlingtonst.html) - June 28, 1994, Brent Hartman, inflatable raft over dam
- May 3, 1994, Shane Eaves & Gary Counts, fishing boat capsized below Lock & Dam 19, Keokuk, Lee County
- Frederika (LHDfrederika.html) - July 15, 1992, Kimberley Ann Kingery
- Little Sioux (LHDsiouxdam.html) - May 31, 1992, Howard & Ronald Gard, fishing boat capsized
- Coralville (LHDcoralville.html) - March 17, 1992, Jeff Brogan & Justin Ramseyer, boat capsized
- August 13, 1991, Linda Doyle & son Matthew, canoe capsized at Guttenburg Lock & Dam 10
- Iowa City (LHDburlingtonst.html) - May 19, 1991, John O'Sullivan, fishing boat overturned
- Ottumwa (LHDottumwa.html) - July 8, 1990, Dave Baxter, fishing boat capsized
- Littleton (LHDlittleton.html) - June 4, 1990, Patrick Graham, attempted rescue of his son who survived

1970 - 1989 (40)

1950 - 1969 (31)

1900 - 1949 (48)



Personal flotation devices (PFDs) help save lives!

Promoting river safety, education, and recreation

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