

Drowning Epidemiology in Bahrain (2003-2015)

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Objective: To evaluate the epidemiology of drowning mortality in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Design: A Retrospective Descriptive Study.

Setting: Ministry of Health, Bahrain.

Method: All deaths due to drowning from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2015 in Bahrain were included.

Result: Two hundred eight deaths were recorded with an annual average of 16 deaths. One hundred thirty-seven (66%) deaths were in non-Bahrainis, and 158 (76%) deaths were in males. The age-standardized incidence death rate per 100,000 population for the year 2014 was 0.4 deaths per 100,000 population.

Conclusion: Developing a national water safety strategy is necessary to decrease age-standardized unintentional drowning mortality rate in Bahrain.