Child Deaths in Arizona, 2012

A child death is a tragedy to the family, friends and their community. Arizona has seen a 26% decrease in child deaths since 2005. During 2012, 854 children younger than 18 years of age died in Arizona.

Arizona Child Fatality Review Teams reviewed 100% of 2012 child deaths and determined that 34% of those deaths could have been prevented.

- 100% of homicides were preventable.
- 97% of maltreatment deaths were preventable.
- 97% of firearm-related deaths were preventable.
- 94% of drowning deaths were preventable.
- 83% of motor vehicle crash deaths were preventable.
- 87% of accidental deaths were preventable.
- 91% of suicides were preventable; and
- 84% of home/safety-related deaths were preventable.

Is your baby safe when sleeping?
- 51 infants died in unsafe sleep environments.
- 46 infants died from suffocation.
- 30 infants were sharing a bed with adults and/or other children.
- 10 of these adults were impaired by drugs and/or alcohol.

Always place a baby on their back to sleep

Deaths Among Children by Manner, 2012

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

Arizona law requires children ages 5 through 8 to be restrained in a booster seat until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall. In 2012, 88 children died in transportation-related incidents. 31 were improperly restrained or not restrained at all.

Report Suspected Child Abuse!
1-888-767-2445

- 70 children died as a result of maltreatment which was 8% of all child deaths.
- Drugs and/or alcohol were a factor in 67% of maltreatment deaths.
- 8 maltreatment deaths were never reported to Child Protective Services.

Protecting children is everyone’s responsibility!