



C L A R K C O U N T Y REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

More people die each year in flash floods than any other natural disaster. The majority of these deaths are caused by unsuccessful attempts to drive through floodwater. Floodwater is dangerous. It can move as fast as 30 mph, and contains debris and other hazardous materials. It is important to stay out of flood control facilities as well. Water in flood channels and storm drains can rise as quickly as one foot a minute and can sweep you off your feet.

History of Flood/Wash Area Related Deaths in Las Vegas

- 8/60 1 killed in flooding in Henderson
- 9/61 1 killed in Valley thunderstorm
- 8/72 1 killed in Valley floodwaters
- 9/74 5 killed at Nelson's Landing in Eldorado Canyon in flash flood
- 7/75 2 killed in Valley floodwaters
- 8/82 1 killed in flooding along Blue Diamond Wash
- 1983 1 child suffocated in Flamingo Wash from loose soil (*not a drowning*)
- 1984 1 child suffocated in Flamingo Wash playing in loose soil (*not a drowning*)
- 7/84 2 public employees drowned in LV Wash - drove into water
- 9/84 5 drowned in Blue Diamond Wash - drove into water
- 6/90 1 drowned in Rawhide Channel - drove into water
- 6/90 1 pedestrian (teenager) fell into an opened manhole & drowned in Henderson
- 7/90 1 drowned in Flamingo Wash - drove into water
- 2/92 1 transient fell and drowned in the Charleston underpass while it was flooded
- 11/92 1 drowned in Las Vegas Wash while fishing during a heavy storm
- 11/93 1 drowned in the Las Vegas Wash (ruled accidental)
- 8/95 1 drowned - swept into Flamingo Wash (believed to be sleeping under Koval Lane bridge)
- 8/97 1 drowned at Skyline Road and Tamarack Drive in Henderson - walked into flood waters & was swept under his truck
- 7/98 1 presumed dead when flood waters swept his car off Boulder Highway in the vicinity of the Flamingo Wash (7/20/98)
- 7/99 1 drowned at Flamingo Road and Spencer Street (believed to be a homeless person) (7/8/99)
- 7/99 1 car accident/fatality (7/8/99)
- 12/02 1 drowned at Sandhill Road and Washington Avenue (believed to be homeless person in stormdrain)
- 1/05 1 drowned at Lake Mead Boulevard west of Interstate 15 (believed to be homeless person in a flood channel)
- 9/05 1 drowned at Lower Las Vegas Wash Wetlands Park (assumed to be flood related)
- 6/07 2 drowned in Las Vegas Wash while fishing (not flood related)

Total Deaths: 36 (including the two child suffocations and one car fatality – not drownings)
31 directly flood-related deaths
21 separate flash flood events

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