



BC CORONERS SERVICE

Accidental Recreational Deaths - 1998 to 2002

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Accidental Recreational Deaths - Activity

Recreation	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
AIR					
Hang Glider	2	2	2	0	0
Other aircraft (AP/03)	3	0	0	0	0
Skydiving/Parachuting	1	0	0	0	0
Ultra-light Aircraft	4	4	2	6	2
LAND					
Golf Course	0	0	1	0	0
Hiking/Climbing	9	8	6	11	10
Horseback Riding/Polo	1	0	0	1	0
Hunting	1	0	1	1	1
Inline Skating ('00)	0	1	1	0	0
Mountain Biking ('99)	1	0	0	2	0
Skateboarding	1	0	0	0	0
Street Bike (No MVA)	1	0	1	0	0
Team Sports	2	0	0	2	0
MOTORIZED					
Dunebuggy	1	0	0	0	2
Motorbike/ATV/Offroad	1	6	5	4	11
Personal Water Craft	2	0	0	2	1
Power Boating	5	6	9	12	10
Water Skiing	0	0	0	0	0
SNOW					
Heliskiing	3	1	1	1	0
Snowboarding	4	2	4	3	3
Snowmobiling	5	11	4	4	6
Snowskiing	7	6	2	6	10
Tobogganing	0	0	0	0	0
WATER					
Canoe	2	6	2	1	7
Dinghy (boating)	0	0	0	0	1
Diving	1	2	3	1	2
Fishing	10	5	13	16	10
Innertube	1	0	2	1	1
Kayak	1	3	2	1	1
Raft	0	0	1	1	2
Rowboat	3	0	0	1	2
Sailboat/Sailboard	0	0	0	0	2
Scuba Diving	2	2	4	3	2
Snorkelling	0	1	0	1	0
Swimming **	16	9	11	12	11
White-Water Rafting	0	1	0	0	0
Windsurfing	1	0	0	0	0
OTHER					
Hot Tub	5	0	3	4	0
Public Park	6	1	2	6	5
Recreation Centre	0	0	0	0	1
Recreation:other	5	10	12	18	3

Rifle Range	0	0	0	0	0
Sauna/Steam Bath	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	108	88	94	121	106

Accidental Recreational Deaths - Age

Age Category	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
12 and under	5	2	5	7	5
13 - 19	16	15	14	13	14
20 - 29	17	25	17	26	22
30 - 39	16	9	15	21	25
40 - 49	21	17	18	21	20
50 - 59	19	8	10	13	9
60 - 69	8	9	6	10	6
70 - 79	4	3	6	9	2
80 and over	2	0	3	1	3
TOTAL	108	88	94	121	106

Accidental Recreational Deaths - Gender

Gender	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	14	12	15	23	16
Male	94	76	78	98	90
Not Coded	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	108	88	94	121	106

Accidental Recreational Deaths - Month

Month	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
January	10	4	6	8	14
February	5	8	2	9	3
March	11	6	6	5	7
April	6	11	5	5	4
May	2	5	10	8	14
June	24	10	11	12	8
July	14	11	11	19	18
August	23	13	15	29	14
September	5	10	13	12	12
October	6	5	6	3	4
November	1	3	5	6	4
December	1	2	4	5	4
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Accidental Recreational Deaths - Region

Region	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Fraser	17	13	16	17	10
Head Office	0	0	2	1	0
Interior	33	29	20	42	38
Island	26	11	24	15	24
Metro	13	12	14	29	14
Northern	19	23	18	17	20
TOTAL	108	88	94	121	106

Accidental Recreational Deaths - Town / City

Town / City	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
	0	0	0	0	0
100 Mile House	1	0	0	0	0
Abbotsford	1	1	0	0	0
Adams Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Agassiz	3	0	0	0	0
Alert Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Alexis Creek	0	1	0	0	0
Alkali Lake	1	0	0	0	0
Anahim Lake	0	0	0	0	1
Anderson Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Ashcroft	0	0	0	1	1
Atlin	0	0	0	1	0
Bamfield	0	0	1	0	0
Barriere	1	0	0	0	0
Bear Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Beaton	0	0	0	0	0
Belcarra	0	0	0	0	0
Belcourt Falls	0	0	0	0	0
Bella Bella	0	0	0	0	2
Bella Coola	1	0	0	0	0
Big Bar	0	0	0	0	0
Big Bay	1	0	0	0	0
Big Lake	1	0	0	0	0
Blue River	0	0	0	1	0
Boston Bar	0	0	0	0	0
Bowen Island	0	0	0	1	0
Bridal Falls	0	0	0	0	0
Brisco	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Burnaby	1	2	0	1	0
Burns Lake	0	0	1	0	1
Cache Creek	0	1	0	0	0
Campbell River	3	1	3	2	3
Canal Flats	0	0	0	0	0
Canim Lake	0	0	0	0	1
Carp Lake	0	0	1	0	0
Castlegar	1	0	0	3	0
Cecilia Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar	0	0	1	0	0
Celista	0	0	0	2	0
Chase	0	0	0	0	0
Checleset Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Chemainus	0	0	0	0	0
Chetwynd	1	0	0	0	2
Chilliwack	0	1	5	1	3

Christina Lake	0	0	0	2	0
Chute Lake	0	0	0	1	0
Clearwater	1	0	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	3	0
Comox	0	0	1	0	1
Coquitlam	0	0	0	1	1
Cortes Island	0	0	0	0	0
Courtenay	2	4	1	0	1
Cowichan Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Cranbrook	0	2	0	1	0
Crescent Spur	0	0	0	0	0
Creston	0	0	0	0	0
Cultus Lake	0	0	0	1	0
Dawson Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Dease Lake	0	2	0	0	1
Delta	1	0	0	0	0
Duncan	0	0	2	1	0
Elko	0	0	1	0	0
Enderby	1	0	2	1	1
Erickson	0	0	0	1	0
Errington	0	0	1	1	0
Fairmont Hot Springs	0	1	0	0	0
Falkland	0	1	0	0	1
Ferguson	0	0	0	0	0
Fernie	1	2	0	2	0
Field	1	0	0	0	1
Forest Grove	0	1	0	0	0
Fort Fraser	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Nelson	0	2	0	0	2
Fort St James	0	4	0	0	1
Fort St John	0	0	1	0	1
Fort Ware (Kwadacha)	0	0	0	0	0
Francois Lake	0	0	1	0	0
Fraser Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Fruitvale	0	0	0	0	0
Galiano Island	0	0	0	0	0
Gibsons	0	0	0	0	0
Gold Bridge	0	0	0	0	0
Gold River	0	0	0	1	0
Golden	3	1	1	2	1
Grand Forks	0	0	0	0	0
Grasmere	0	0	0	0	1
Greenwood	0	0	0	0	0
Grindrod	0	1	0	0	0
Harrison Hot Springs	0	1	0	0	1
Harrison Mills	0	1	0	1	0
Harrop	0	0	0	0	0
Hazelton	0	0	1	1	0
Heffley Creek	0	0	0	0	1
Honeymoon Bay	0	0	1	0	0
Hope	5	1	1	0	1
Hornby Island	0	0	0	0	0
Horsefly	0	0	0	1	0
Houston	1	0	1	0	0
Hudson's Hope	0	1	0	0	0
Invermere	3	1	0	3	0
Jaffray	0	1	0	0	0
Kamloops	1	0	3	0	0

Kaslo	4	0	2	1	1	Pass Creek	0	0	0	0	1
Kelowna	0	2	1	2	0	Pemberton	1	0	4	1	1
Keremeos	0	0	0	0	0	Penticton	0	1	1	4	0
Kimberley	1	0	0	0	0	Pinantan Lake	2	0	0	0	0
Kingcome Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	Pitt Meadows	0	0	0	0	0
Kispiox	0	0	0	0	0	Port Alberni	2	3	0	1	0
Kitimat	3	0	0	0	2	Port Edward	0	0	0	0	0
Kitwancool	0	0	0	1	0	Port Hardy	0	1	0	0	0
Kuper Island	1	0	0	0	0	Port McNeill	0	0	0	1	1
Kyuquot	0	0	0	0	0	Port Moody	0	0	0	2	1
Lac La Hache	0	1	0	0	0	Port Renfrew	1	0	0	0	2
Ladysmith	1	0	0	1	1	Powell River	2	1	1	0	0
Lake Country	0	0	0	0	0	Prince George	4	3	1	2	2
Lake Cowichan	0	0	2	0	0	Prince Rupert	1	5	3	1	0
Langley	3	0	2	2	0	Princeton	0	0	0	0	0
Lillooet	0	1	0	0	0	Pritchard	0	0	0	0	0
Lions Bay	0	0	0	0	1	Prophet River	0	0	0	0	1
Logan Lake	0	0	0	0	1	Quadra Island	0	0	0	0	0
Lone Butte	0	1	0	0	0	Qualicum Beach	0	0	1	0	0
Loon Lake	0	0	0	1	0	Queen Charlotte Islands	0	0	0	1	2
Lower Post	0	0	0	1	0	Quesnel	0	0	1	0	1
Lumby	0	0	0	0	0	Radium	0	0	0	0	0
Lytton	0	0	0	0	1	Radium Hot Springs	1	1	0	2	0
Mabel Lake	0	0	0	0	1	Revelstoke	2	1	0	1	1
MacGregor	0	1	0	0	0	Richmond	5	1	1	1	0
Mackenzie	0	0	1	0	0	Ridge Meadows	1	0	0	0	0
Mahood Falls	0	0	0	0	0	Rivers Inlet	0	0	0	0	0
Malahat	0	0	0	0	0	Rock Bay	0	0	0	1	0
Maple Ridge	1	0	1	0	0	Rosedale	0	0	0	0	0
Masset	0	0	0	1	1	Rossland	0	2	0	0	0
Matsqui	0	0	0	0	0	Salmo	1	1	0	0	0
Mayne Island	0	0	0	0	0	Salmon Arm	0	0	0	0	1
McBride	0	2	0	1	0	Saltspring Island	0	0	1	0	1
Merritt	0	0	2	0	2	Sandy Lake	0	0	0	1	0
Mica Creek	0	1	0	0	0	Sardis	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	0	2	0	1	1	Saturna Island	1	0	0	0	0
Monte Creek	0	0	0	0	0	Savary Island	0	0	0	0	0
Monte Lake	0	0	0	0	0	Sayward	0	0	0	0	1
Montney	1	0	0	0	0	Sechelt	0	1	1	1	1
Mount Currie	0	0	0	0	1	Seymour Arm	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Robson	0	0	1	0	1	Shawnigan Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Moyie	0	0	1	0	1	Shuswap	1	0	0	0	0
Nakusp	2	0	0	0	0	Sicamous	0	0	0	1	1
Nanaimo	4	0	4	0	3	Sidney	0	0	1	0	0
Nanoose Bay	0	0	0	0	0	Skookumchuck	0	0	0	1	0
Nelson	1	0	0	3	2	Slocan	0	0	0	1	0
New Denver	0	0	0	0	2	Smithers	2	1	0	0	0
New Westminister	0	0	1	0	0	Sooke	0	0	0	0	0
Nitinat	1	0	0	0	0	Sparwood	0	2	0	0	1
Nitnaht	0	0	0	0	0	Spences Bridge	0	0	0	0	1
North Vancouver	2	1	1	6	3	Spuzzum	0	0	2	0	0
Not Specified	0	0	0	1	6	Squamish	1	4	2	10	1
Okanagan Falls	0	0	0	0	1	Steveston	0	0	0	0	0
Okanagan Lake	0	0	0	1	0	Stewart	0	0	0	0	2
Oliver	0	0	0	0	0	Summerland	0	0	0	0	0
Osoyoos	1	1	1	0	0	Sunshine Valley	0	0	0	0	0
Oyama	1	0	0	0	0	Surrey	2	1	2	6	2
Parksville	0	0	1	0	0	Swartz Bay	0	0	1	0	0

Tachie	0	0	0	0	0
Takla Landing	0	0	2	0	0
Taylor	0	0	0	1	0
Telegraph Creek	0	0	0	1	0
Telkwa	0	0	0	1	0
Terrace	1	0	1	0	0
Tofino	0	0	1	0	3
Topley Landing	0	0	0	0	0
Trail	0	0	1	0	0
Tulameen	0	0	0	0	1
Tumbler Ridge	0	0	0	0	1
Ucluelet	0	0	0	0	0
Valemount	1	2	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	3	1	2	2
Vanderhoof	1	0	0	1	0
Vavenby	0	0	0	0	1
Vernon	2	3	1	0	1
Victoria	6	0	3	4	2
Wasa	0	0	0	0	0
Watson Lake	0	0	0	1	0
Wells	0	0	1	0	1
West Vancouver	1	0	3	4	2
Westbank	0	0	0	1	0
Westbridge	0	0	2	0	1
Whistler	2	3	2	4	2
White Rock	0	1	1	0	0
Williams Lake	1	0	0	2	0
Willow River	0	0	0	0	0
Willowbrook	0	0	0	0	1
Winfield	0	0	1	0	0
Winlaw	0	0	0	0	1
Wynndel	0	0	0	0	0
Yahk	0	0	0	0	0
Ymir	0	0	0	0	0
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