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British Columbia Coroners Service  
Ministry of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General

**Pedestrian Deaths in British Columbia**

As part of its mandate to prevent death in British Columbia, the BC Coroners Service urges drivers and pedestrians to exercise extreme care when sharing roadways during the winter.

**In the past two days, three pedestrians have been killed in the Vancouver Metro area.**

Already in 2005, 68 pedestrians have died on British Columbia roadways. 25 of these deaths occurred in the Vancouver Metro area.

Potential contributors in many of the cases were pedestrians crossing roadways outside of crosswalks and visibility restrictions due to dark clothing and/or weather conditions.

During winter months, darkness and weather conditions dramatically reduce visibility. Drivers should use headlights at all times and proceed with extra caution at crosswalks and intersections, particularly when making a turn.

Pedestrians should be visible, use crosswalks, activate pedestrian crossing signals where available and avoid entering crosswalks until approaching vehicles have stopped.

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**BC CORONERS SERVICE**  
**Motor Vehicle Accidental Pedestrian**  
**Deaths: 1998 to 2005**  
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	Age Category							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
12 years and under	0	1	3	3	2	1	4	4
13 - 19 years	1	7	4	4	4	8	3	6
20 - 29 years	8	4	9	4	5	4	10	6
30 - 39 years	10	3	8	1	4	5	9	6
40 - 49 years	8	12	6	3	6	5	7	12
50 - 59 years	11	8	7	4	5	10	11	4
60 - 69 years	5	14	11	5	6	4	6	4
70 - 79 years	11	12	14	13	12	13	11	13
80 years and over	14	8	17	10	10	11	7	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>

	Gender							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Female	25	31	39	19	19	30	24	24
Male	43	38	40	28	35	31	44	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>

	Month							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
January	7	5	12	5	7	11	6	4
February	6	3	5	4	5	4	9	4
March	3	4	8	6	3	3	5	8
April	7	6	5	3	1	4	3	8
May	4	4	3	1	5	3	3	4
June	4	6	6	7	1	6	3	5
July	2	5	2	2	1	1	8	9
August	5	5	5	3	2	5	3	5
September	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	6
October	6	7	9	4	9	6	4	2
November	12	8	10	4	8	5	6	6
December	7	12	10	4	8	9	13	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>

	Region							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
FRASER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INTERIOR	20	22	24	17	14	21	20	23
ISLAND	11	15	11	10	7	11	10	8
METRO	7	11	21	3	9	8	5	3
NORTH	25	17	19	14	18	17	25	24
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	Town / City							
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
100 Mile House	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Abbotsford	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	2
Agassiz	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Alexis Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Armstrong	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ashcroft	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Belcarra	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Black Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Blue River	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowser	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Burnaby	5	1	2	2	4	6	5	3
Burns Lake	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cache Creek	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cassidy	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chemainus	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chilliwack	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Comox	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coquitlam	2	7	2	1	0	0	4	3
Courtenay	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cranbrook	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Crescent Valley	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Creston	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dawson Creek	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Delta	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	2
Duncan	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Enderby	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Errington	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Falkland	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fanny Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fort St James	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort St John	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Fraser Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Galiano Island	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Golden	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Good Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Forks	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Harrison Mills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hope	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kamloops	1	3	0	3	0	1	2	2
Kelowna	1	0	5	0	2	2	1	1
Keremeos	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kimberley	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Langley	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Lejac	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Maple Ridge	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2
Merritt	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mission	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Nanaimo	0	3	3	2	2	1	0	0
Nanoose Bay	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
New Westminster	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
North Vancouver	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2
Oliver	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Osoyoos	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Parksville	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Penticton	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Pitt Meadows	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Port Alberni	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Port Coquitlam	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Hardy	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Port Moody	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Powell River	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince George	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	1
Prince Rupert	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Princeton	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Qualicum Beach	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Quesnel	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Revelstoke	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Richmond	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	4
Salmon Arm	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saltspring Island	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotch Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sechelt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sicamous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Sidney	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smithers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sooke	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sparwood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Surrey	8	6	8	6	3	8	6	5
Terrace	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Trail	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valemount	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	19	10	14	10	15	14	20	20
Vernon	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	2
Victoria	2	4	8	0	3	4	2	1
West Vancouver	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Westbank	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Whistler	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
White Rock	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Williams Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Winlaw	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
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