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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 |
| TOTAL | 68 | 69 | 79 | 47 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 67 |

| | 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 |
| TOTAL | 68 | 69 | 79 | 47 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 67 |

| | 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 |
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| | Region | | | | | | | |
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| | 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 |
| TOTAL | 68 | 69 | 79 | 47 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 67 |

| | 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 |

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| 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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