

Overdose deaths

There were 90 overdose deaths of teenagers, aged 13-19 years, between January 1997 and September 2008. These include overdoses classified as accidental, suicide and undetermined. Substances resulting in overdoses include illicit drugs, alcohol, and prescription and non-prescription medications.

Statistics and Tables

Overdose deaths by substance category, 1997 – 2008*													
Type of Overdose	Year												Total
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Alcohol	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	6
Alcohol/Drug	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Illicit drugs	3	5	6	4	6	4	3	6	3	8	4	3	55
Prescription	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4
Non-prescription	2	2	1	3	4	-	1	4	3	2	1	-	23
Total	7	8	7	8	11	4	5	11	7	12	7	3*	90

* Data for 2008 is preliminary.

Demographic of teenage overdose deaths, 1997-2008				
Region	Deaths	Factor		
		Male	Female	Average Age
Fraser	36	20	16	17.5
Interior	9	5	4	17.1
Island	19	12	7	17.8
Metro	18	8	10	17.2
Northern	8	4	4	17.0
Total	90	49	41	17.4

Classification of teenage overdose deaths	
Classification	Deaths
Accidental	69
Suicide	16
Undetermined	5
Total	90

Note. The BCCS operates in a live database environment. The data are considered preliminary until all investigations have been completed. Data are subject to change.