Suicides With Gambling as a Risk Factor, 2010-2014

This report summarizes suicide deaths in BC from 2010 through 2014 in which gambling was identified <u>as one of the potential risk factors</u> that may have been related to the suicide.

Inclusion Criteria: Deaths were included in this review if gambling was identified as a potential risk factor for suicide. Note that there are often multiple risk factors present in suicide deaths. In addition, risk factors may be present without being causative. Only closed cases were included.

Caveats: As the BCCS operates in a live database environment, the data are considered preliminary and subject to change.

Gambling-Related Suicide Deaths by Region, 2010-2014							
Region	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	
Metro	4	5	1	1	-	11	
Fraser	3	-	1	1	3	8	
Interior	4	1	1	-	-	6	
Island	2	-	2	-	1	5	
Northern	1	1	-	-	-	2	
Total	14	7	5	2	4	32	

Gambling-Related Suicide Deaths by Sex, 2010-2014							
Sex	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	
Female	2	4	1	-	1	8	
Male	12	3	4	2	3	24	
Total	14	7	5	2	4	32	

Gambling-Related Suicide Deaths by Type of Gambling, 2010-2014 *							
Туре	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	
Casino	5	4	1	1	3	14	
Lottery	1	1	-	-	1	3	
Online	1	-	-	-	1	2	
Bingo	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Unknown	7	1	4	1	1	14	

^{*}More than one type of gambling may be involved in gambling-related suicide deaths. Deaths are listed in multiple rows when the coroner has indicated involvement of multiple types. For this reason, annual totals are not provided.

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