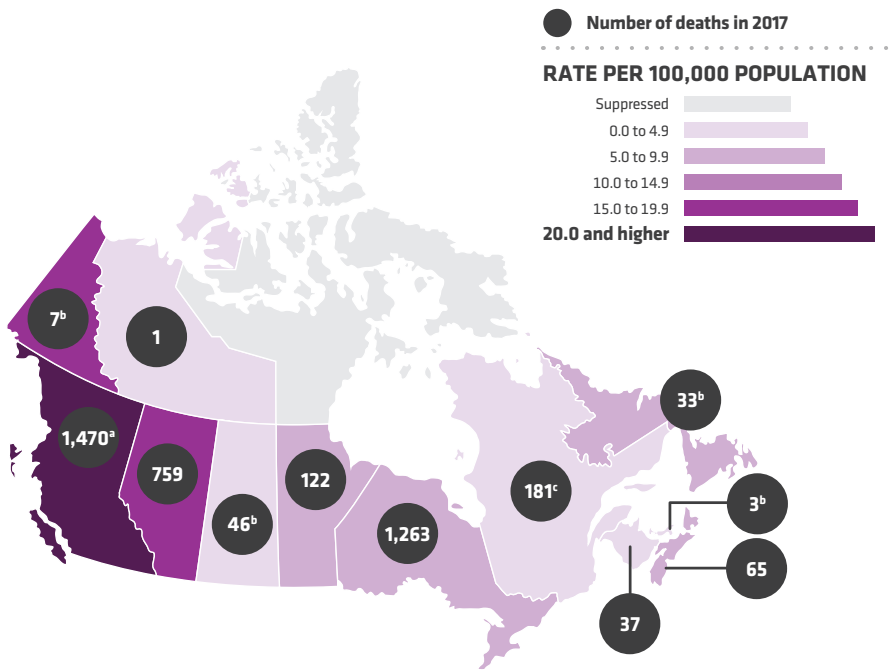


# OPIOID-RELATED HARMS IN CANADA

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## DEATHS

**3,987** apparent opioid-related deaths occurred in 2017.  
This means about **11** lives were lost each day related to opioids.



**92%** were accidental (unintentional)



The number of accidental deaths involving fentanyl or fentanyl analogues increased by **81%** between 2016 and 2017

## OVERDOSES: HOSPITALIZATIONS



An average of **17** people were hospitalized due to opioid poisoning in Canada each day in 2017—an increase from 16 per day in 2016

## OVERDOSES: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DATA<sup>d</sup>



Based on available data, **2/3** of suspected opioid-related overdoses occurred among men



Suspected opioid-related overdoses were most common among individuals between the ages of **20** and **29**

## YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE

KNOW THE SIGNS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

- > Blue lips or nails
- > Dizziness and confusion
- > Can't be woken up
- > Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- > Slow, weak or no breathing
- > Drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

SUSPECT AN OVERDOSE?

1

CALL **911**

2

Administer **naloxone** if you have it

3

Stay with the person until help arrives

a Includes deaths related to all illicit drugs including, but not limited to, opioids.

b Includes deaths with completed investigations only.

c Includes deaths related to all illicit drugs including, but not limited to, opioids, from July to December only. This number is expected to rise.

d Based on data from Alberta (Edmonton and Calgary), Manitoba (Winnipeg), New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador for suspected opioid-related overdoses requiring the administration of naloxone by Emergency Medical Services Providers.

TOGETHER WE CAN **#STOPOVERDOSES**

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