

Wrongful Death Statistics

Wrongful Death In Washington State: The Essential Guide To Wrongful Death Law in WA State

Motor Vehicle Fatalities

There were 45,343 motor vehicle fatalities in 2005 – the leading cause of death in unintentional accidents. Of these deaths, 5,212 involved trucking accidents.

-Centers for Disease Control

Drunk Driving Deaths

In 2002, there were 17,419 DUI-related fatalities – 41 percent of traffic deaths that year.

-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Medical Malpractice Fatalities

One in five medical errors are potentially serious or fatal. Medical malpractice – including misdiagnosis or failure to diagnose; medication errors; surgical errors; and substandard care – causes numerous fatalities each year.

-Institute of Medicine (IOM)

Workplace Accident Deaths

In 2006, there were 5,840 fatalities resulting from workplace accidents. Some of the causes of these workplace injuries were:

- * Traffic incidents (2,459 deaths)
- * Assault and violent acts (788 deaths)
- * Contact with objects or equipment (993 deaths)
- * Falls (827 deaths)
- * Exposure to harmful substances (547 deaths)

-U.S. Department of Labor

Traumatic Brain Injury Fatalities

Fifty thousand people die because of a traumatic brain injury.

-Brain Injury Association of America