

Tetanus

There was one confirmed case of tetanus reported in BC in 2015, based on clinical criteria and isolation of *Clostridium tetani*. The case was an elderly hiker who sustained an injury in a fall and received a Td booster the following day, but 11 days later presented with clinical signs and symptoms compatible with tetanus and was hospitalized for treatment. The case recovered without permanent disability.

From 2005 to 2014 there were 8 tetanus cases reported in BC. Readers are referred to Annual Summaries of Reportable Diseases for additional details: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/data-reports/annual-summaries-of-reportable-diseases>.

In adults who have completed a primary series of tetanus toxoid in childhood, a booster dose of tetanus toxoid is recommended every 10 years to maintain protection against tetanus, which is ubiquitous in the environment.



31.1 Tetanus Rates by Year, 2006-2015

