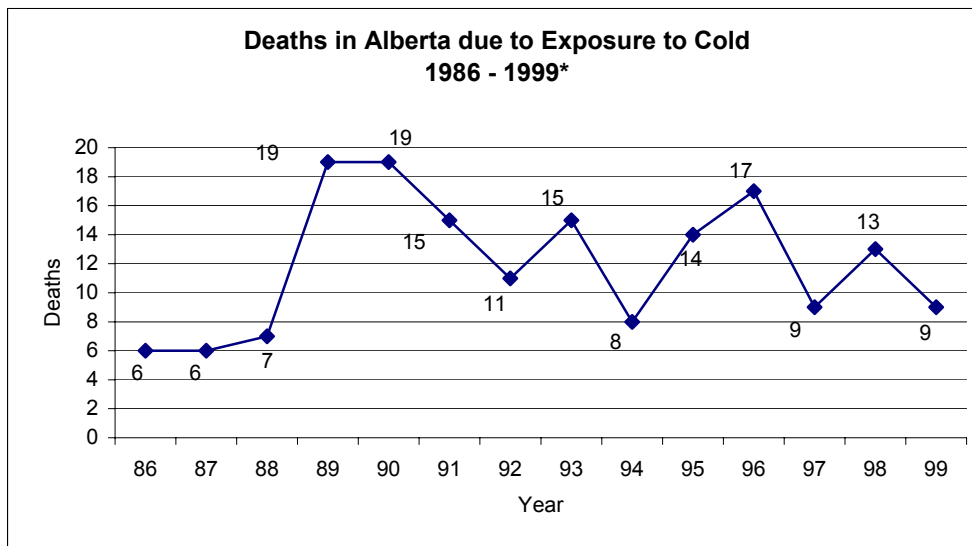


### The facts about exposure to cold in Alberta

- Between 1986 and 1999, 168 Albertans died due to exposure to cold.<sup>1</sup>
- Males accounted for 75% of exposure to cold related deaths.<sup>1</sup>
- Between 1992 and 1999, there were a total of 704 Albertans hospitalized due to exposure to cold.<sup>1</sup>
- An average of 88 Albertans were hospitalized per year between 1992 and 1999.<sup>1</sup>
- More than 73% of all hospitalizations were male.<sup>1</sup>
- During 1998 and 1999 there were 908 emergency department visits due to cold exposure.<sup>1</sup>
- Of all emergency department visits, 75% of the patients were male.<sup>1</sup>
- The leading diagnoses associated with emergency department visits due to excessive cold between April 1, 1997 and March 31, 1998 were frostbite followed by hypothermia. The most common location for frostbite was the feet.<sup>2</sup>



1. Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, 1999 Alberta Injury Databases
2. Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, 1997 Alberta Injury databases – Emergency Department Visits.

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