Recent Canadian Avalanche Fatality Statistics and Patterns

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2011-2015

- Backcountry Skiing
- Mech Skiing
- Out of bounds skiing
- Ice Climbing
- Snowmobiling
- Worker
- Other
- Total

Yearly breakdown:

- 2011-2012:
  - Backcountry Skiing: 3
  - Snowmobiling: 4
- 2012-2013:
  - Mech Skiing: 1
  - Out of bounds skiing: 1
- 2013-2014:
  - Ice Climbing: 4
- 2014-2015:
  - Snowmobiling: 3
  - Worker: 2
2014-2015

- Backcountry Skiing: 3
- Mech Skiing: 3
- Ice Climbing: 2
- Out of bounds skiing
- Snowmobiling
2014-2015

- Encouraging possible trend toward single fatality accidents which continued: 8 fatalities, 7 events.
- 2 ice-climbing events, one in Quebec. Quebec ice-climbing fatality is not common.
- 1 workplace fatality; that's 2 in three years; One highly skilled/trained Guide; 2012-13 was an unskilled/untrained worker
- Snowcrest Mtn was as much a climbing accident as an avalanche, and as much climbing as backcountry skiing (i.e. coding wasn't a slam-dunk).
- Even distribution amongst backcountry skiers, sledders, and iceclimbers.

- British Columbia was the hotspot -- 63%