

YOUTH INJURY: ISLAND COUNTY 2008



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

UNINTENTIONAL INJURY	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Use a seatbelt "most of the time" or "always"	95.5	93.6	92.7	96.0
Use a bike helmet "most of the time" or "always"	45.7	26.9	20.5	15.5
Use a lifejacket when in a small boat more than half the time	~	57.0	43.0	47.0
Wear a helmet when rollerblading/skateboarding "most of the time" or "always"	29.0	~	~	~

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Recently drove a vehicle (themselves) when you had been drinking	~	3.9	7.4	10.5
In past 30 days, ever ridden in a car with someone who had drank alcohol	18.1	15.6	26.0	22.0

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: WEAPONS, PHYSICAL FIGHTING, BULLYING	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Carried a weapon on school property in the past 30 days	2.3	6.0	9.7	9.9
Carried a weapon for self-protection or might need in a fight, past 30 days	~	9.5	9.1	10.0
Involved in a physical fight in the past 12 months	28.5	37.2	33.2	25.8
Has been bullied in the past 30 days	33.5	24.8	21.8	18.0
Has been a member of a gang in the past 12 months	~	6.9	8.2	9.3

~ Not asked of students in this grade

* Too few responses to report

Current use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use). Ever tried = use at anytime in the past (also called lifetime use).

We are extremely appreciative of the participation of all four Island County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey. Their participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

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