

# LPNs in BC

## *A WorkSafeBC Overview*

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British Columbia's health care sector employs approximately 246,000 workers – about 11% of the provincial workforce. On average, healthcare workers have over 7,500 time-loss claims, loss over 300,000 days of work, and cost more than \$50 million in claims costs each year.

### ***Every Year in BC***

- Approximately 450 LPNs sustain injuries requiring WorkSafeBC time-loss compensation
- Over \$2.2 million in claim costs are paid
- Just over 17,500 lost days of work

### ***How are LPNs Getting Hurt?***

- 61% Overexertion/Repetitive movement
- 11% Slipping and tripping
- 10% Infectious diseases
- 7% Violent and aggressive behaviour

### ***What or Who Causes the Injury?***

- 57% of the time the patient is the cause of the injury
- 13% of the time medical equipment is the cause of the injury
- 10% of the time a virus or bacteria is the cause of the injury

### ***Where are LPNs Getting Hurt?***

- 61% occur in Acute Care
- 33% occur in Long-term Care

### ***How Old are the LPNs who get Hurt?***

- 6% are 24 years of age or younger
- 26% are 25 – 34 years
- 27% are 35 – 44 years
- 29% are 45 – 54 years
- 12% are 55+ years