

Long-term Care in BC

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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

- Over 2,600 workers in long-term care facilities sustain injuries requiring WorkSafeBC time-loss compensation
- Close to \$17 million in claim costs were paid
- Just over 120,500 days of work were lost

How are Long-term Care Facility Workers Getting Hurt?

- 55% Overexertion/Repetitive movement
- 12% Falls caused by slipping or tripping
- 11% Violent and aggressive behaviour
- 6% Infectious Disease

What or Who Causes the Injury?

- 55% of the time the patient or another person is the cause of the injury
- 11% of the time medical equipment is the cause of the injury
- 9% floors, walkways, ground surfaces

What is their Occupation?

- Nurses Aides 55%
- Nursing Assistants 15%
- LPNs 6%
- RNs 5%
- Food Service workers 5%

How Old are Long-term Care Facility Workers who get Hurt?

- 15% are 25 – 34 years
- 29% are 35 – 44 years
- 37% are 45 – 54 years
- 15% are 55+ years