

Home & Community 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 900 home & community care workers sustain injuries requiring WorkSafeBC time-loss compensation
- Over \$4.8 million in claim costs were paid
- Just over 35,500 days of work were lost

How are Home & Community Care Workers Getting Hurt?

- 43% Overexertion/Repetitive movement
- 23% Falls caused by slipping or tripping
- 7% Motor vehicle accidents
- 4% Infectious Disease
- 3% Violent and aggressive behaviour

What or Who Causes the Injury?

- 45% of the time the patient or another person is the cause of the injury
- 18% Floors, walkways, ground surfaces
- 10% of the time medical equipment is the cause of the injury
- 9% of the time a motor vehicle or street area

How Old are Home & Community Care Workers who get Hurt?

- 19% are 25 – 34 years
- 25% are 35 – 44 years
- 36% are 45 – 54 years
- 20% are 55+ years

How Long Does it Take to get Back to Work?

- 7% of home & community care workers missed more than 100 days of work due to an occupational injury
- 31% of home & community care workers missed more than 40 days of work due to an occupational injury
- 32% of home & community care workers missed 5 days or less of work due to an occupational injury