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What is a serious injury?

A serious injury is defined by the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act, Section 54 (3) and Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, Section 10.

Generally, they are defined as fractures, amputations, sight loss, serious internal hemorrhages, burns that require medical attention, any injury caused by explosives, asphyxiation or poisoning by gas that results in a loss of physical control, or another injury that is likely to endanger life or cause permanent injury.

In addition, an injury that causes unconsciousness or results in substantial blood loss or places life in jeopardy is considered a serious injury.

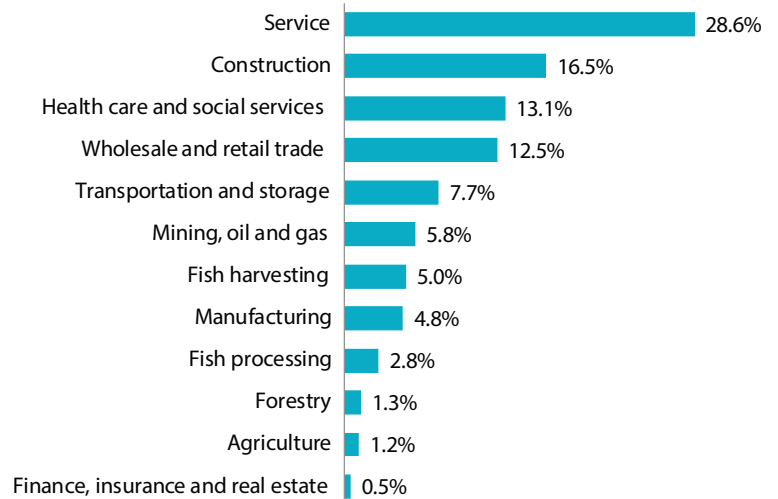
- Between 2019 and 2023, the serious injury rate decreased 4.0 per cent from 11.40 in 2019 to 10.94 in 2023.
- Between 2019 and 2023, there were 124 fatalities.
- Between 2019 and 2023, most serious injury claims were in the Service and Construction industries (45.1 per cent of all serious injury claims).

Serious injuries must be reported to the Occupational Health and Safety Branch of Service NL as per section 10 of the OHS Act.

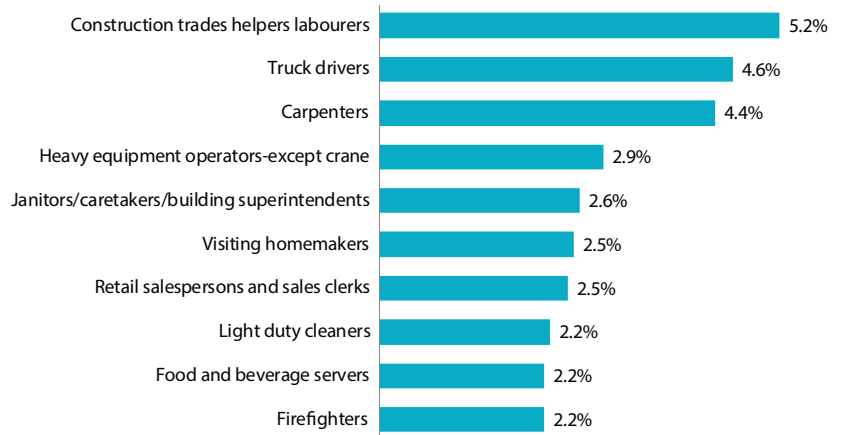
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Serious Injuries in Newfoundland and Labrador

Percentage of serious injury claims by industry 2019-2023



Top 10 Occupations with serious injury claims 2019-2023



Cost of serious injury claims 2019-2023

\$119.3
(\$millions)

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How can serious injuries be prevented?

- Recognize, evaluate and control hazards.
- Provide adequate supervision of workers.
- Educate and train workers.
- Conduct regular and thorough workplace inspections.
- Carry out regular preventative maintenance.

Consequences of serious injuries

Workers and employers are directly and indirectly affected by the human and financial costs of work-related injuries or occupational diseases. The effects are not just restricted to workers; families, employers, co-workers and the community are all affected when a worker is injured on the job.

Workers

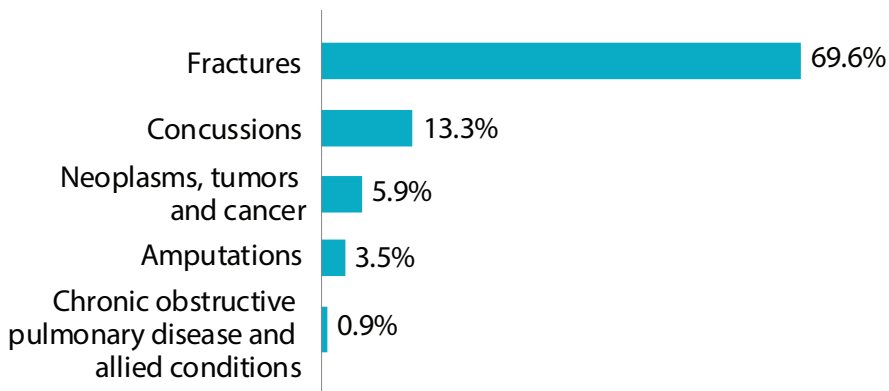
- Pain and suffering associated with injuries and occupational disease.
- Financial loss.
- Loss of social interaction.
- Impact on quality of life.

Employers

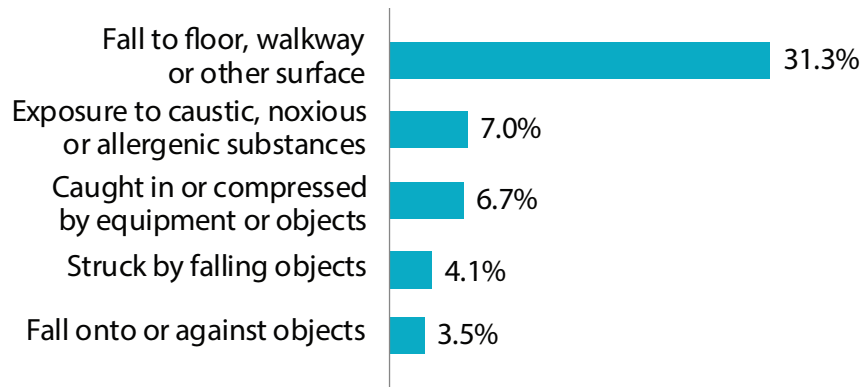
- Costs associated with repairing or replacing tools, equipment and machinery.
- Cost of hiring and training replacement workers.
- Deterioration in morale and confidence in employer's commitment to workplace health and safety.



Serious injury claims top five nature of injuries (2019-2023)



Serious injury claims top five types of accidents (2019-2023)



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