

Quick facts:

What is a Serious Injury?

Serious injuries are defined by the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations and includes fractures, amputations, sight loss, serious internal haemorrhages, 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. Any injury that causes unconsciousness, results in substantial blood loss, or places life in jeopardy is also considered a serious injury.

Serious injuries must be reported to the OHS Division of Service NL as per Section 10 of the OH&S Act.

Call 729.4444 to report an incident.

Quick Stats 2013-2017

There were 1,286 serious injury claims.

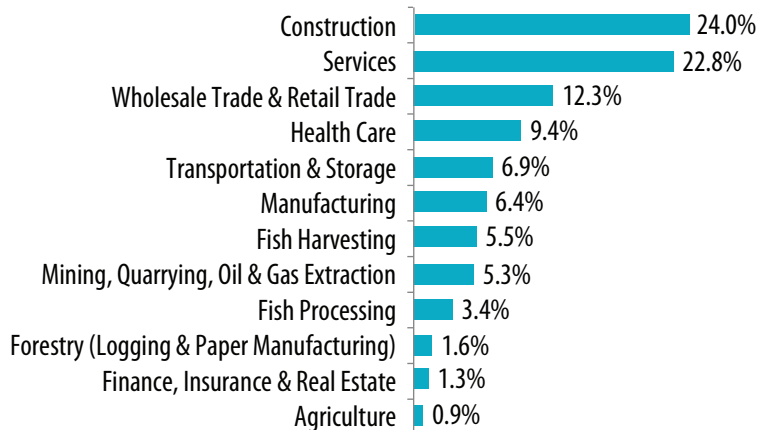
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fatalities

Most serious injury claims are in the service and construction industries (46.8 per cent of all serious injury claims).

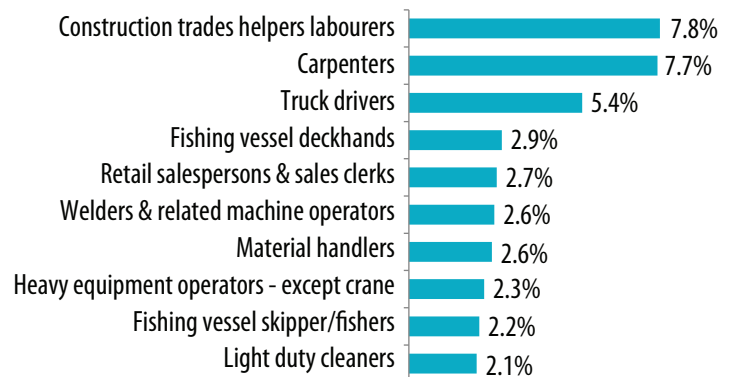
Serious Injury Claims

Newfoundland and Labrador

Percentage of serious injury claims by industry
2013-2017



Top 10 occupations with serious injury claims
2013-2017



The costs of serious injury claims 2013 – 2017

\$99.8
(\$millions)

Serious injury rate dropped 4.5 per cent since 2013, from 11 per 10,000 employees in 2013 to 10.5 per 10,000 in 2017.

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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

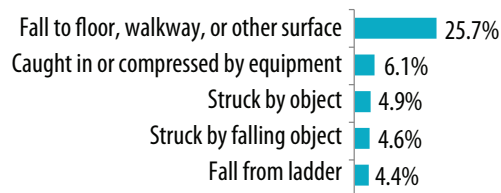
Employers

- 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

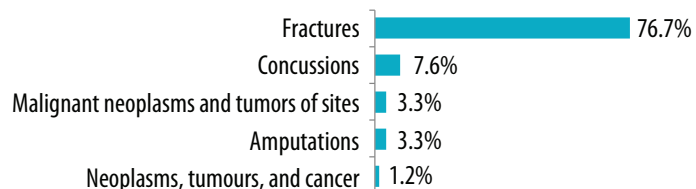
How can serious injuries be prevented?

- Recognition, evaluation and control of hazards
- Provide adequate supervision of workers
- Education and training of workers
- Conduct regular and thorough workplace inspections
- Carry out regular preventative maintenance

Serious Injury Claims - top 5 types of accidents 2013-2017



Serious Injury Claims - top 5 nature of injuries 2013-2017



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