People come to health services for care of injuries from FALLS.

**LAST YEAR IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

24,340 PEOPLE were admitted to public hospitals injured AFTER A FALL.

That figure is almost 15x HIGHER than the 1,571 admitted to hospital for MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES.

OVER 70% of these were people OVER 65.

405 older people DIED IN HOSPITAL as a result of injuries from a fall.

8.3 DAYS is AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY in hospital for injured older people.

During health care, FALLS are the MOST NUMEROUS REPORTED incident.

In SA there has been a STEADY DECLINE in serious falls (SAC 1 or SAC 2).

10,662 REPORTED FALLS INCIDENTS in 2019.

Potentially there have been 641 serious falls AVOIDED.

SERIOUS FALLS AVOIDED

Ineffective Strategies

- Quick POST FALL TEAM REVIEWS to reduce repeat falls.
- HOURLY Rounding especially for patients who have dementia or delirium.
- 100% of services that have been accredited PASSED Standard 5.24-6. Committees and staff should be proud of this achievement.
- 25,900+ STAFF have completed the online eLearning course on Falls Prevention since its launch in April 2014.

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* All data relates to all of South Australia.