People come to health services for care of injuries from FALLS during health care, FALLS are the SECOND MOST REPORTED incident

**LAST YEAR IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

- **24,340 PEOPLE** were admitted to public hospitals injured **AFTER A FALL**.
- Over 70% of these were people **OVER 65**.
- 405 older people **DIED IN HOSPITAL** as a result of injuries from a fall.
- That figure is almost **15x** higher than the 1,571 admitted to hospital for **MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES**.
- **8.3 DAYS** is the **AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY** in hospital for injured older people.

**10,662 REPORTED FALLS INCIDENTS** in 2019.

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

- Potentially **641 serious falls AVOIDED**.
- **25,900+ STAFF** have completed the online eLearning course on Falls Prevention since its launch in April 2014.

**EFFECTIVE 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.

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*All data relates to all of South Australia.*