

INJURIES IN GREY BRUCE: FALLS



Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries in Grey Bruce. On average, falls cause 8,630 emergency department visits, 743 hospitalizations, and 29 deaths every year locally.

GREY BRUCE RATES HIGHER THAN ONTARIO RATES

In 2017, the rate of emergency department (ED) visits for unintentional falls in Grey Bruce was the highest in the province. The local rate of ED visits for falls is 42% higher than the Ontario rate, and the hospitalization rate is 48% higher.



ED VISITS



Rate **70%**
higher in
Grey Bruce

HOSPITALIZATIONS



Rate **21%**
higher in
Grey Bruce

OLDER ADULTS AT GREATEST RISK

Older residents of Grey Bruce, especially those aged 85 and over, are at highest risk of being injured from a fall.



ED VISITS HAVE INCREASED, WHILE HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE DECREASED

The local rate of ED visits for falls has increased by 16% since 2003-04, while the rate of hospitalizations decreased by 28% over that time period.

SOURCES:

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DATA NOTES: Rates refer to age-standardized rates. Averages refer to ten-year averages between 2007–2016 for ED visits and hospitalizations, and between 2006–2015 for deaths.