HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT 2017

THE WORKFORCE
This industry grouping covers a wide range of activities, separated into eight groups:

- Hospitals
- Medical Services
- Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Services
- Allied Health Services
- Other Health Care Services
- Residential Care Services
- Child Care Services
- Other Social Assistance Services

16% of the total Tasmanian workforce
47% work full time

HCSA is the largest employer and provider of vital services

29% increase in hours-worked in the last three years

THE INJURIES
1,385 injuries across the industry in 2017
1 in 5 workers injured in Tasmania in 2017

14 serious injuries per million hours worked
HIGHEST OF ALL INDUSTRIES
77% higher than the state average of 7.9

55% of serious injuries occur in Residential Care Services

7% lower serious injury frequency rate in 2017 than ten years ago

THE PEOPLE
35-44 year olds reported the highest serious injury frequency rate

Occupations with the Highest Percentage of Serious Injuries:

- Personal Carers and Assistants: 42%
- Health and Welfare Support Workers: 12%
- Midwifery and Nursing Professionals: 11%
- Cleaners and Laundry Workers: 5%
- Food Preparation Assistants: 5%
- Other Social Assistance Services: 7%

THE CAUSES
The most common causes of injury across the industry:

- Body stressing
- Falls, slips and trips
- Being hit by moving objects
- Mental stress

THE CAUSES
Priority conditions and causes identified in the WorkSafe Strategic Plan 2018-2023 relevant to the industry:

- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Slips, trips and falls
- Mental health conditions

ACTION AREAS
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