

Veteran Workers

Data as of Q4 2023

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WHO ARE VETERAN WORKERS?

Though not specifically defined by Occupational Health and Safety, for the purposes of this report a “veteran worker” is 55 years of age and older. Typically, these workers have decades of work experience. *Falls on same level* are the most significant type of injury for this group.

WHY ARE VETERAN WORKERS AT RISK?

Increased risk of injury in this group is attributed to:

- Normalizing of risks associated with falls
- Pre-existing injuries and health challenges, which increase the severity of fall injuries
- Reduced dexterity
- Slower reaction time
- Carrying loads
- Changing ground conditions

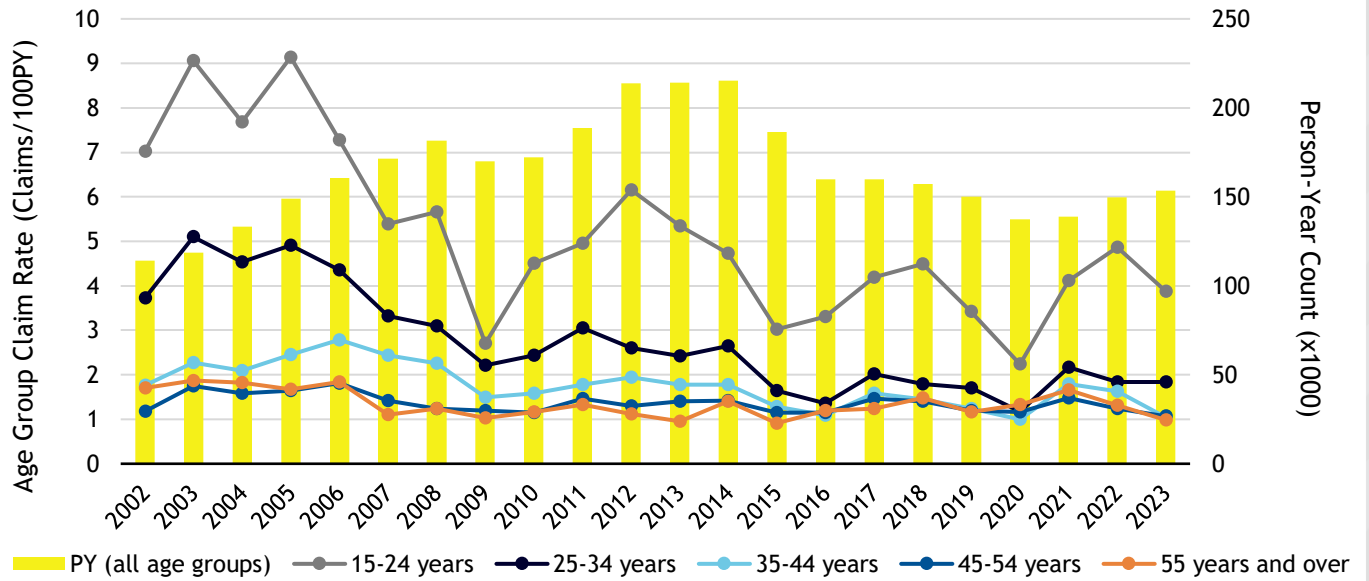
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS THESE RISKS?

- Ensure workers are fit for duty
- Training on how to fall to minimize injury
- Stretching and warm-up before starting work
- Ergonomic assessments
- Use of engineering tools and fittings to minimize exerted force
- Management of change with respect to job scope and assigned tasks

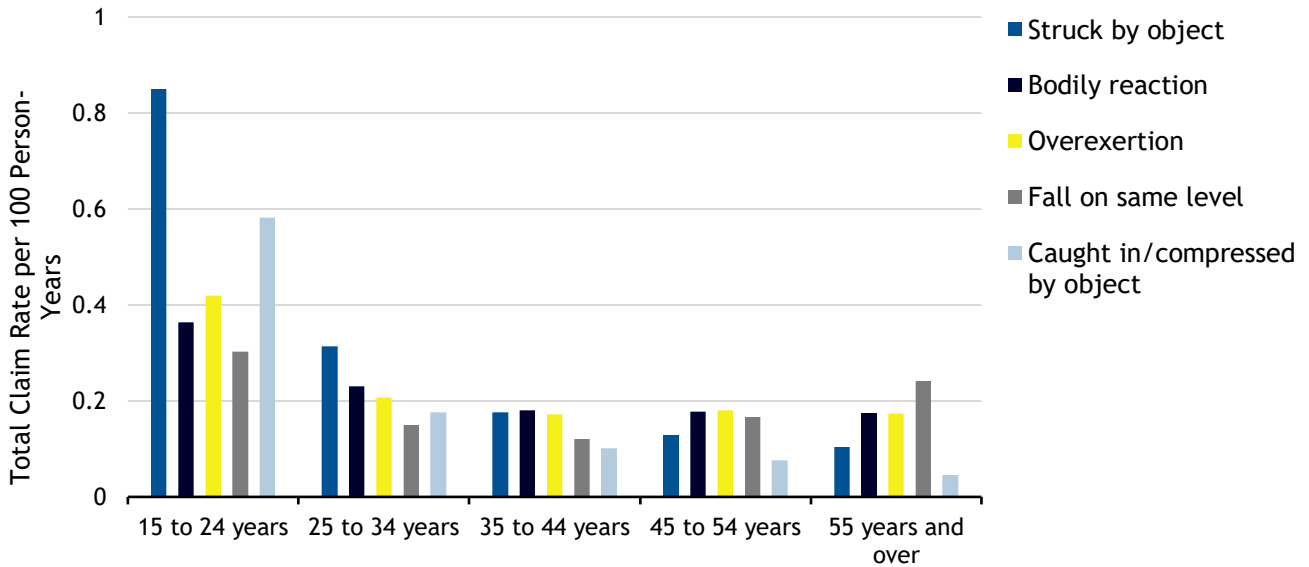
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ALBERTA CLAIM RATE TREND BY AGE GROUP



TOP INJURIES BY AGE GROUP – ALBERTA 2017-2023



Note: Certain injuries are not reflected in these charts. Injuries caused by exposures over many years (e.g., noise) have been excluded.

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