

# Falls are the most expensive injury for our Health Care System

**Falls will cost Canada ~\$4.4 billion by 2031.**

Every year in Manitoba falls account for:

**39%**

of all direct injury health care costs (\$262 million)



**17%**

of all indirect injury health care costs (\$83 million)



**\$345 million**

[2010 data; Parachute]

**Most** unintentional injury hospitalizations in Winnipeg are due to falls.

**26,546** fall hospitalizations in Winnipeg from 2000 to 2010.

**\$6,974** The cost of a standard hospital stay in Winnipeg.



■ Falls (63%) ■ Other Unintentional Injuries (37%)  
[2000-2010 data; Winnipeg Regional Health Authority]

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The average length of stay due to fall injuries is **25.4 days.**



[2016-2017 data; CIHI]

Many falls result in **significant injuries** requiring **costly treatment.**

**\$5,305**

Single intracranial injury

**\$13,291**

Femur fracture

**\$7,130**

Shoulder fracture

**\$3,706**

Wrist, hand, ankle or foot fracture or dislocation

This is **4.5 days longer** compared to other unintentional injuries.



[2000-2010 data; Winnipeg Regional Health Authority]

**Many** older Canadians **return home** after being hospitalized for a fall **but many need home care.**



Home care costs ~\$93.6 per capita.

[Scott, Wagar, Elliot, 2010]

Falls are the **leading cause** of injury-related **permanent partial and total disabilities** for Manitobans of any age and cost the economy **~\$844 million per year.**



[2009-10 data; Council of Canadians with Disabilities]

**Many** older Canadians **go into long term care** after being hospitalized for a fall at home.

[2012-2013 data; Accreditation Canada, Canadian Institute for Health Information and Canadian Patient Safety Institute (2014)]

The cost of operating **71 long term care facilities** in Manitoba for one year is **\$606,109,000.**



[2013-2014 data; CIHI Residential Long-Term Care Financial Data]