# SPRAIN AND STRAIN



**SERIOUS CLAIMS** 

117,815

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1.5 MILLION WEEKS LOST FROM WORK



of claimant

15,480

Serious claims by employees aged below 25 21,820

Serious claims by employees aged 55 and above 1 in 100 3 in 100

employees made a serious claim

labourers made a serious claim

## TIME OFF

In 2011-12, the median time lost for male employees was

working

for female employees





## **CAUSE**

- **90%** of serious workers compensation claims caused by injuries and musculoskeletal disorders.
- Sprain & Strains Of Joints & Adjacent Muscles alone accounting for 42% of all serious claims.
- **33%** of serious claims are the result of muscular stress while lifting or handling objects

# COSTS

Increase for the median payment for a serious claim to \$8900

## **HIGHEST 3 OCCUPATIONS:**

- **Labourers & related workers** workers sustained the highest incidence rate of all occupation groups 30.2 serious claims per 1000 employees
- Intermediate production & transport workers 26.7 serious claims per 1000 employees
- **Tradespersons & related workers** 20.7 serious claims per 1000 employees

### **MECHANISM OF INJURIES:**

Manual handling mechanisms

Muscular stress while lifting objects and Muscular stress while handling objects

32% of all serious claims

### LOCATION OF INJURIES:

