

# THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF INJURY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, *in just one year (2013)...*

**\$4.1 billion**

The cost of injuries in British Columbia in 2013.

Unintentional injuries accounted for:

**\$3.4 billion or 83%**

of the total cost of injuries; of that,

**\$2.3 billion**

were direct costs to the health care system.

**\$1.1 billion**

The total cost for child and youth injuries (0-24 years of age).

**\$196 million**

The total cost of suicide deaths.

**\$80 million**

Total costs for pedestrian-related injuries, **13%** of total transport-related costs.

**\$479,414**

The cost of an unintentional poisoning-related death—the highest cost per death overall.

**\$735 million**

The cost for the 482,687 people treated in emergency departments as a result of injury.

**\$805 million**

The cost for the 37,207 people hospitalized as a result of injury.

There were **2,110 DEATHS**

the equivalent of... one death every

**4** hours and **9** minutes



**PERMANENT DISABILITIES\***

were the **GREATEST CAUSE** for both direct & indirect costs of injuries

\*Permanently disabled and unable to work.



Injuries cost British Columbians

**\$11.2 MILLION** per day



Costs of injuries for males was higher at

**\$2.4 BILLION**

than for females at

**\$1.7 BILLION**

**FALL-RELATED** injuries resulted in the **HIGHEST HOSPITAL COSTS** at

**\$498 MILLION**

and a total health system cost of

**\$1.1 BILLION**



Transport incidents accounted for almost

**21%**

of total costs from injuries among youth 15-24 years at a cost of

**\$148 MILLION**

Total injury costs per capita were highest among

**YOUTH** aged 15-24 at **\$1,159**



followed by **OLDER ADULTS** aged 65+ at **\$1,060**

Injury health care costs per capita were highest among

**OLDER ADULTS**

at **\$1,060** followed by **YOUTH** at **\$565**

Injuries exact a **SIGNIFICANT BURDEN**, both socially & economically on **BC FAMILIES**



in the form of distress, lost income, extended care needs, rehabilitation costs, and gaps in the family unit.