

What is changing?

Changes have been made to the Falls Reports by Facility and Unit or Facility and Program. The updated reports are now available to individuals who subscribe to them in BC Patient Safety & Learning System (BCPSLS) publications. These reports will provide falls experts, leaders and care teams with more detailed information about the types of falls reported and any resulting harm to patients.



Tip! This bulletin is an overview of the most significant changes to the reports, including:

- Colours used on the reports to show **degree of harm** and **approval status** match colours used in the BCPSLS application and are consistent across all graphs
- Data about **use of hip protectors, falls by age group** and **use of physical restraints** has been added
- **Graphs removed** if they contained inadequate or inconsistent data

Why have these changes been made?

The **Provincial Fall Safety Report Form** was made available to all health authorities several years ago. Over the past year, BCPSLS Central office has reviewed the falls data in our provincial database and worked with falls experts to improve the usability of the form and accuracy of the data. In 2016, these efforts ramped up as we collaborated with **Fabio Feldman, Fraser Health**, to make improvements to the falls reports and make them more useful and effective at driving learning and improvement. Chart types, colors and titles and have been modified and improved to meet current industry standards in data visualization.

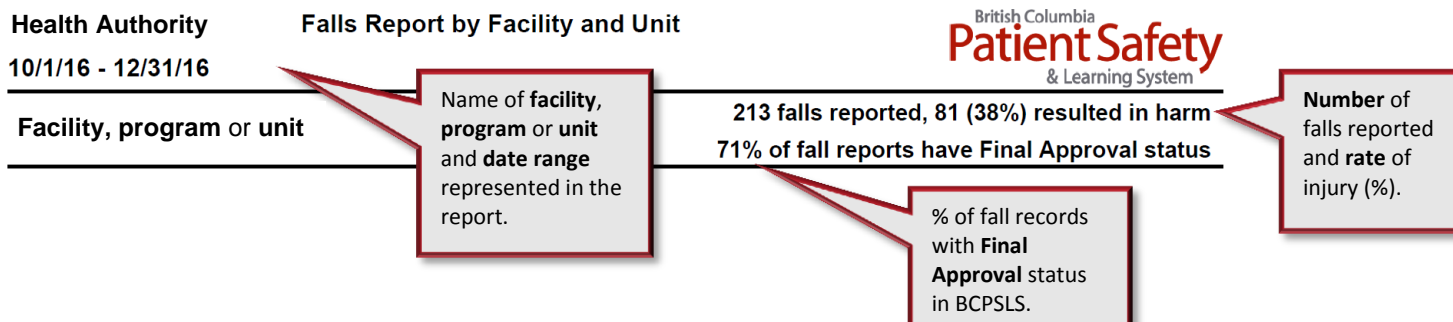


Tip! The new **Falls Report by Facility and Unit** was launched on December 15th and we're pleased to hear that the report has been well-received. We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to send us your comments and suggestions if you see other enhancements that could be made. *Thank you!*

What you need to know!

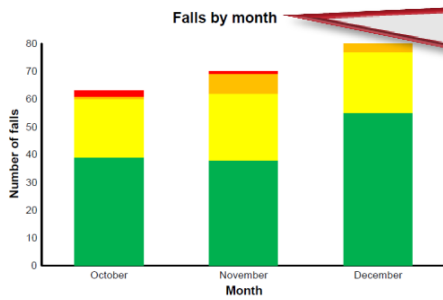
New headers

At a glance, you'll be able to identify the facility, program or unit and date range of the report in the *top left* corner and information about number of falls and injuries in the *top right corner*. This change is intended to improve clarity and readability by providing all this information at the top of the report. The percentage of fall event reports with Final Approval status in BCPSLS is also shown to provide an indication of how likely the data is to change as health authority event handlers complete follow-up activities and update and close off the reports.



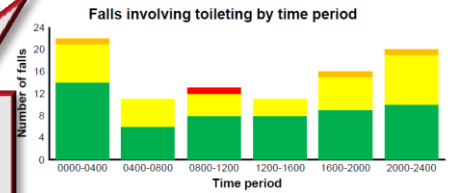
Some graphs and charts have been replaced

For example, the old line graph for **Number of Falls and Injuries by Month** has been replaced by a bar graph, and three graphs related to **Falls involving toileting** are now represented in one bar chart.



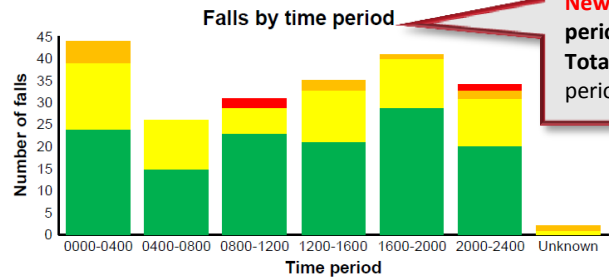
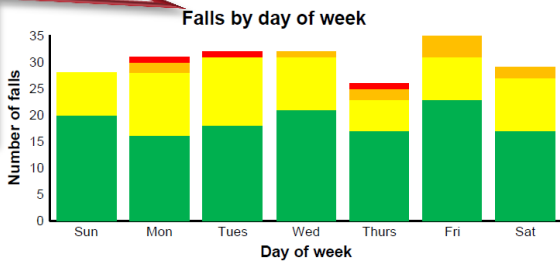
New! Falls by month replaces **Number of Falls and Injuries by Month**.

Falls involving toileting
93 out of 213 (44%) falls involved toileting



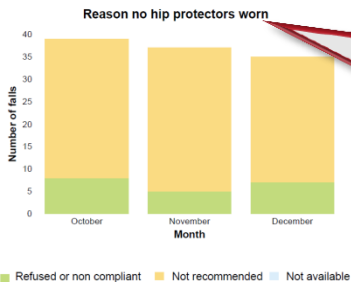
New! Falls involving toileting by time period replaces **Involved Toileting, Toileting Injury Rate and Time Range and Falls Involving Toileting**.

New! Falls by day of week replaces **Total Falls by day of week**.



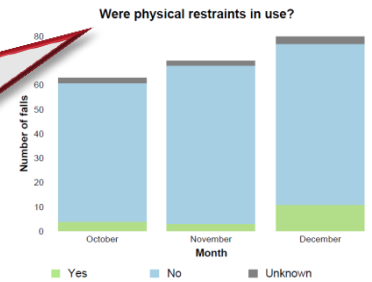
New! Falls by time period replaces **Total Falls by time period/range**.

Several new charts have been added

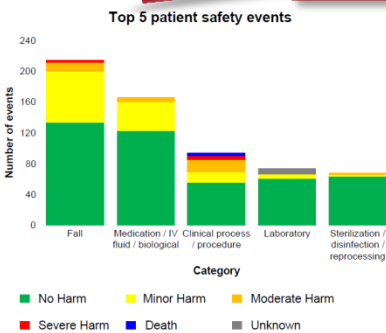


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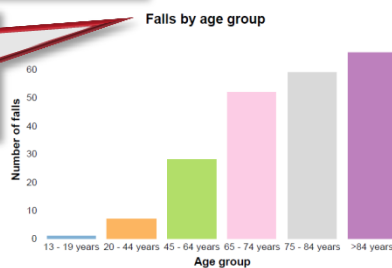
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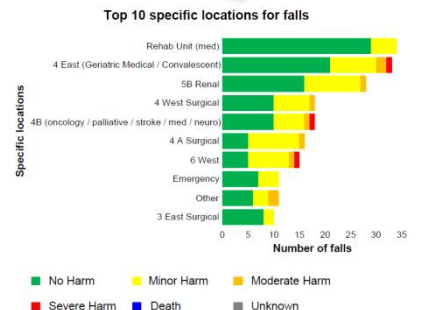
New! Top 5 safety events shows you how falls fit into the larger safety picture.



New! Falls by age group.



New! Top 10 specific locations includes degree of harm.



Who can I contact if I need help?

If you have questions, please contact your BC PLS Coordinator.