From 2018 through 2020, 373 Minnesota 14- to 17-year-olds suffered serious work-related injuries. These injuries kept them from work for more than three days.

**Types of Serious Injuries**

- Sprain, strain, tear: 29%
- Open wound: 17%
- Fractured bone: 12%
- Bruise or contusion: 10%
- Pain: 10%
- Burn: 9%

**How Teens Were Injured at Work**

- Struck by object or equipment: 17%
- Fall to same level: 15%
- Overexertion in lifting: 10%
- Exposure to hot objects or substances: 7%
- Struck against object or equipment: 6%

**Causes of Teen Injuries at Work**

- Floor, walkway, ground: 15%
- Injured teen worker: 14%
- Boxes, bags, containers: 11%
- Tools, equipment: 8%
- Other person: 7%

**Injured Worker Characteristics**

- 53% were male
- 4% of the claims resulted in permanent injuries
- 17 years old, 59%
- 16 years old, 36%
- 15 years old, 5%

**Injured Workers’ Type of Work**

- 99 teens worked in retail stores
- 85 teens worked in restaurants and other eating places

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