Falls have significant physical and emotional impacts on older people:

- 1 in 3 older people have a fall each year.
- 40% of older people have multiple falls.
- 30% of those who fall require medical attention.
- The number of hip fractures resulting from a fall in Australia is expected to double by 2026 and increase fourfold by 2051.

Ageing population resulting in:

- Falls and fall related injury will be a major health issue for health systems throughout the developed world.
- The number of people aged 65 years and older in Queensland is expected to more than triple in the next 20 to 50 years.
- The issue of falls will grow as the population ages.

Unless effective preventative strategies are put in place, the cost of care and services associated with fall related injury in older people will absorb a significant proportion of the increased spending on the health of older people.

Queensland already spends more than twice as much on the treatment of falls in older people than on victims of road traffic crashes.

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