



# Musculoskeletal conditions (MSK) and work

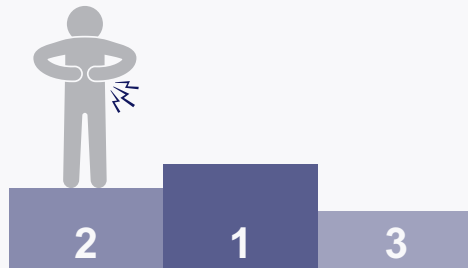
In the UK,

MSK is a leading cause of work limitations and

**27.8 million** working days  
per year are lost due to MSK



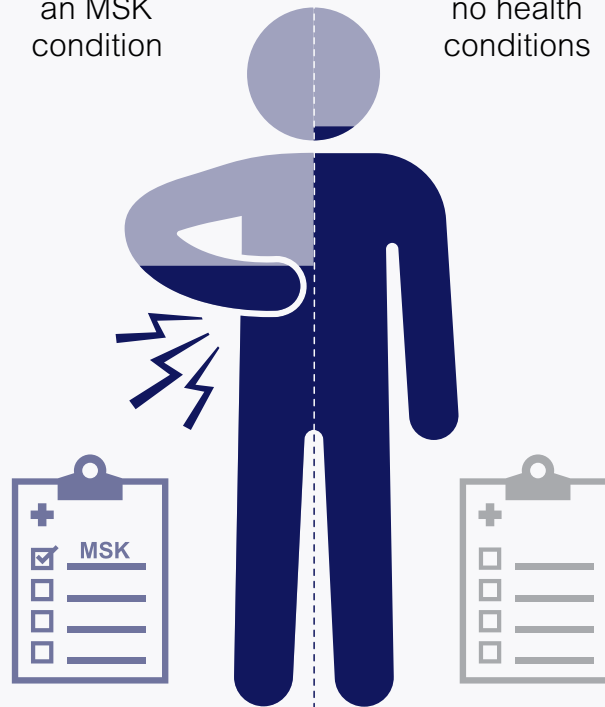
MSK is the second largest single cause of sickness absence



People with MSK conditions are less likely to be in work than people without a health condition

**63%**  
an MSK condition

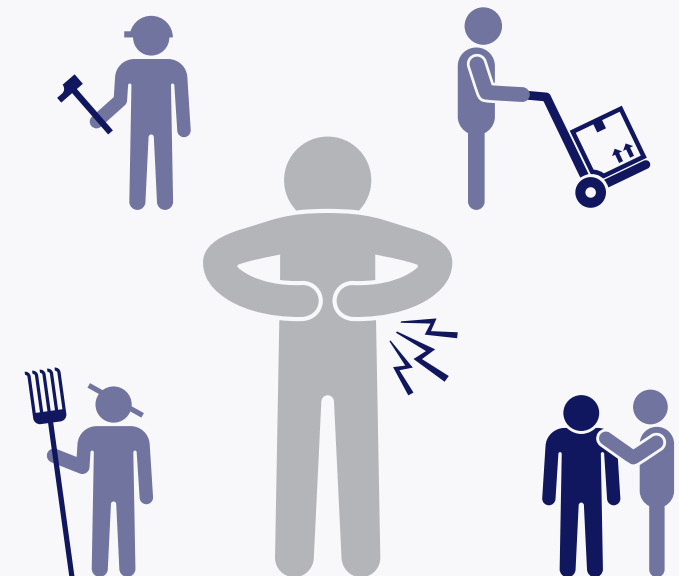
**82%**  
no health conditions



In England,



**17%** of the population report a long term MSK problem



Agriculture, construction, health and social care, and transportation and storage industries all show elevated rates of MSK