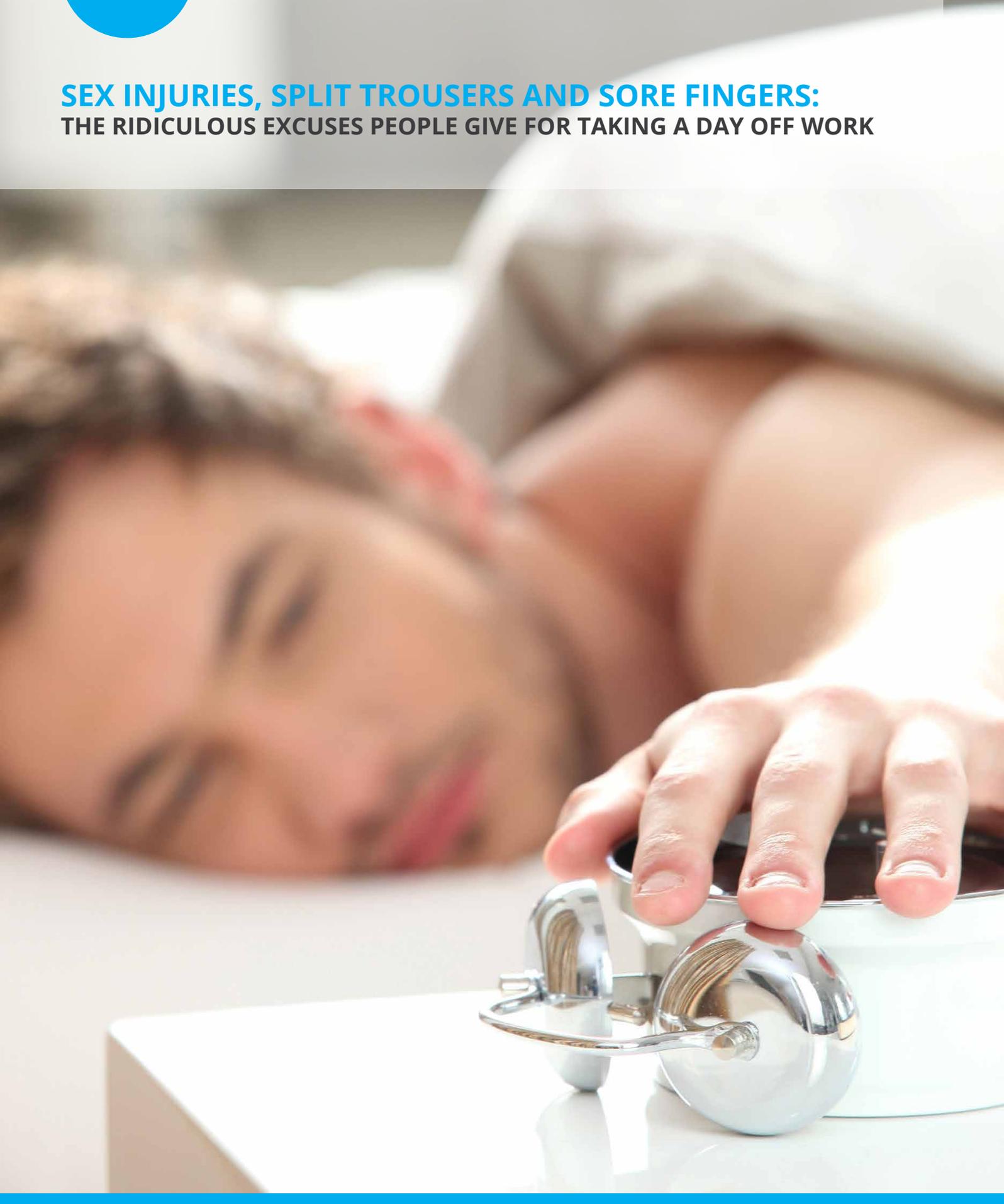




**SEX INJURIES, SPLIT TROUSERS AND SORE FINGERS:
THE RIDICULOUS EXCUSES PEOPLE GIVE FOR TAKING A DAY OFF WORK**



- 'I am hallucinating', 'I am stuck in my house because the door's broken' and needing to look after sick pets were other excuses given by employees
- Six out of ten bosses don't believe employees when they call in sick
- Vomiting bugs, viruses and abdominal pains are more likely to be believed than neck or back pain due to a pulled muscle

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We've all had those days when we just can't be bothered to go to work.

And a study of 1,000 workers and 1,000 bosses has discovered that art of excuse making is very much alive and kicking.

Bizarre reasons for missing work included 'A can of baked beans landed on my big toe', 'My car handbrake broke and it rolled down the hill into a lamppost' and 'My dog has had a big fright and I don't want to leave him.'

One employee rang their manager to say they wouldn't be in work that day as they were in A&E with a peg stuck on their tongue and another said his mother had died (this was the second time he had used this excuse).

'I am hallucinating', 'I am stuck in my house because the door's broken' and 'I've injured myself during sex' were also cited as reasons to miss work.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the results showed that six out of ten employers don't believe employees' excuses when they call in sick.

One in four question those who do not sound ill enough or who give flimsy excuses, while factors like the weather being nice or the person seeming fine the day before also arouse suspicion.

A third of bosses scour social media after receiving a sickie call-in to see whether the staff member is well enough to post updates.

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Certain excuses, such as vomiting bugs, viruses and abdominal pains are more likely to be believed.

But neck or back pain due to a pulled muscle or fatigue are not seen as worthy reasons to skip work.

Two thirds of bosses still demand their employees ring them when ill and are adamant that a text or email is not tolerated.

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Gill Landon, development director at Benenden Health, said: 'In a tough economy, managing sickness absence becomes vital for businesses.

'But employers are clearly suspicious about days taken off for illness - perhaps not surprising given the varied excuses presented for absence.

'This is not helped by the fact that for more than a fifth of the sick days taken, workers admitted they could have actually made it into work.'

'MY TOE IS TRAPPED IN THE BATH TAP' ... THE FULL LIST OF EXCUSES

A can of baked beans landed on my big toe

I was swimming too fast and smacked my head on the poolside

I've been bitten by an insect

My car handbrake broke and it rolled down the hill into a lamppost

My dog has had a big fright and I don't want to leave him

My hamster died

I've injured myself during sex

I slipped on a coin

I've had a sleepless night

My mum has died (this was the second time the person used this excuse)

I am hallucinating

I am stuck in my house because the door is broken

My new girlfriend bit me in a delicate place

I burned my hand on the toaster

The dog ate my shoes

My fish is sick

I swallowed white spirit

My toe is trapped in the bath tap

I'm in A&E as I got a clothes peg stuck on my tongue

I drank too much and fell asleep on someone's floor - I don't know where I am

My trousers split on the way to work

I'm using a new contact lens solution and my eyes are watering

I have a blocked nose

I've had a hair dye disaster

I've got a sore finger

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2326164/Sex-injuries-split-trousers-sore-fingers-The-ridiculous-real-excuses-people-taking-day-work.html#ixzz2Tdl3fdP>

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