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Labourers made up the highest number of serious compensation claims in 2006-07. Labourers and related workers accounted for 31 095 serious claims.

Men accounted for 68 per cent of all serious workers' compensation claims in 2006-07.

The construction industry recorded the highest number of compensated fatalities in 2006-07. There were 50 fatalities during this period.

The total economic cost of work-related injuries and illnesses to the Australian economy for the 2005-2006 financial year is estimated at \$57.5 billion, representing 5.9 per cent of GDP.

Manual handling was the cause of 41 per cent of all serious claims in 2006-07.

Safety is everybody's business.

Back injuries accounted for almost one-quarter of all serious claims in 2006-07.

Over 135 000 Australians are seriously injured at work every year and more than 260 die as a result of work-related injuries. Many more die as a result of work-related disease.

The tragedy is work-related injury, illness and death can be prevented through the adoption of safer work practices.

The likelihood of having a workers' compensation claim increases with age.

A third of compensated fatalities in the workplace during 2006-07 were caused by a vehicle accident.

The simple philosophy of there being no excuse for any accident can only be upheld if everyone has a strong commitment to workplace safety.



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