CONSTRUCTION - A national priority industry

CONSTRUCTION FATALITIES for 5 years, from 2008-9 to 2012-13

Mechanism
- Falls from heights
- Vehicle incidents
- Being hit by moving or falling objects
- Contact with electricity

Sub industry
- Heavy & civil engineering construction: 30
- Construction services: 123
- Building construction: 29
- Housing construction: 29

182 workers killed

Sources of information:
Safe Work Australia’s National Data Set for Compensation-based Statistics (NDS)
Traumatic Injuries Fatality dataset (TIF)

CONSTRUCTION SERIOUS INJURIES for 5 years, from 2008-9 to 2012-13

Mechanism
- Body stressing
- Slips, trips & falls
- Hitting objects with part of body
- Hit by moving objects

Result
- Joint/ligament, muscle/tendon
- Fractures
- Lacerations, amputations, internal organ damage

63,230 serious injuries

Sub industry
- Building construction: 23,340
- Construction services: 10,660
- Roofing: 6,310
- Painting & decorating: 17,660
- Other: 2,680

Hitting objects with part of body: 6,310
Hit by moving objects: 10,660
Slips, trips & falls: 23,340
Body stressing: 23,340

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17,660 serious injuries

Sub industry
- Building construction: 6,290
- Construction services: 10,660
- Roofing: 650
- Painting & decorating: 4,870
- Other: 210

Hitting objects with part of body: 6,310
Hit by moving objects: 10,660
Slips, trips & falls: 23,340

FALLS FROM HEIGHTS FATALITIES for 5 years, from 2008-9 to 2012-13

Mechanism
- Falls from buildings or other structures

Sub industry
- Falls from buildings or other structures fatalities: 20
- Falls from ladders fatalities: 12
- Falls from scaffolding fatalities: 5

48 workers killed

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Prevention
- You can change these statistics!
- Principles of Good Work Design - A work health and safety handbook
- model Code of Practice - Construction Work
- model Code of Practice - Demolition Work
- model Code of Practice - Excavation Work
- model Code of Practice - Safe Design of Structures, and
- model Code of Practice - Preventing Falls in Housing Construction
- Safety Solutions: Injury Hotspots
For more information on prevention see your local work health and safety regulator.