

Workplace Injuries and Prevention:

General Facts and Figures; Sources and Resources; Common Strategies



General Facts and Figures:

- In 2014, there were 46 fatalities and 3504 serious harm notifications in the workplace.
- WorkSafe NZ was created by the Government in 2013 as a regulatory agency dedicated to improving workplace health and safety by achieving a 25% reduction in workplace deaths and serious harm by 2025.
- Agriculture, Forestry, Construction, Manufacturing and High-risk commercial fishing are considered to be the highest risk industry sectors; with one in five workers reporting they had experienced a serious harm incident in the last 12 months (Health and Safety Attitudes and Behaviours Survey, Work Safe 2014).
- In 2013/14 ACC accepted 186,696 new claims for workplace injuries (2013/14 total \$1.8 million new claims).
- In March 2014 the Government introduced the Health and Safety Reform Bill representing significant change to New Zealand's health and safety system that puts more onus and legal requirements on employers to manage risks and keep their workers safe, requires greater participation of workers in workplace health and safety and establishes greater penalties for unsafe working practices.

Sources and Resources:

Workplace Injury Statistics: WorkSafe NZ NZ Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment	<i>Workplace fatalities and serious harm injuries:</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/research/health-and-safety-data <i>Workplace health and safety statistics on work related injury and disease:</i> http://www.dol.govt.nz/whss/statistics.asp and http://www.dol.govt.nz/workplace/knowledgebase/item/1417 <i>Serious Injury Outcome indicators 2000-2013 (Stats NZ select tables 25-27)</i> http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/health/injuries/serious-injury-outcome-indicators-2000-13.aspx <i>Latest injury claim statistics:</i> http://www.acc.co.nz/about-acc/statistics/injury-statistics/index.htm <i>Injury claim comparison reports by district:</i> http://www.acc.co.nz/preventing-injuries/communities/injury-comparison-reports/index.htm <i>Health and Safety Reform</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/reform
Workplace Injury Prevention	<i>ACC and WorkSafe NZ injury prevention:</i> http://www.acc.co.nz/preventing-injuries/at-work/ and http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/tools-resources

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Common Strategies:

Health and Safety in the workplace	<p><i>Step by Step guide on how to set up and support a comprehensive system of health and safety, incident investigation, safety evaluation, small business, safety reps:</i> http://www.acc.co.nz/preventing-injuries/at-work/health-and-safety-in-the-workplace/index.htm</p>
Tools for assessing risk/ preventing injury at work	<p><i>Habitatwork helps prevent discomfort, pain and injury in the workplace</i> http://www.habitatwork.co.nz/</p> <p><i>WorkSmart tips : readymade or create your own for your workplace:</i> http://worksmarttips.co.nz/</p> <p><i>Tool to help assess risk and prevent injury from manual handling</i> http://www.acc.co.nz/PRD_EXT_CSMP/fragments/acc19dpirrd/riskReckoner.html</p>
Sector action plans for the five highest risk sectors	<p><i>Construction:</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/who-we-work-with/action-agenda-action-plans/construction-sector-action-plan-2010-2013</p> <p><i>Forestry:</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/who-we-work-with/action-agenda-action-plans/forestry-sector-action-plan-2010-13</p> <p><i>Manufacturing:</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/who-we-work-with/action-agenda-action-plans/manufacturing-sector-action-plan-to-2013</p> <p><i>Agriculture:</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/who-we-work-with/action-agenda-action-plans/agriculture-sector-action-plan-to-2013</p> <p><i>Fishing:</i> http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Fishing-Sector-Action-Plan.asp</p>
National Programmes	<p><i>National programmes focus on reducing the number of workplace deaths and injuries where most harm is occurring;</i> http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/national-programmes and http://www.acc.co.nz/preventing-injuries/at-work/industry-specific-safety/index.htm</p>

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