

# HSE Annual Health & Safety Statistics

2012/13

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# General Overview

The following is the 2012/13 Annual Statistics Report for Great Britain, released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). These statistics show an 11 per cent drop in major injuries compared to 2011/12. While these numbers demonstrate that health and safety in the workplace is improving, many of the injuries and fatalities that occurred could have been prevented through simple safety measures. As you read through these numbers, consider what you can do to improve health and safety in your workplace.

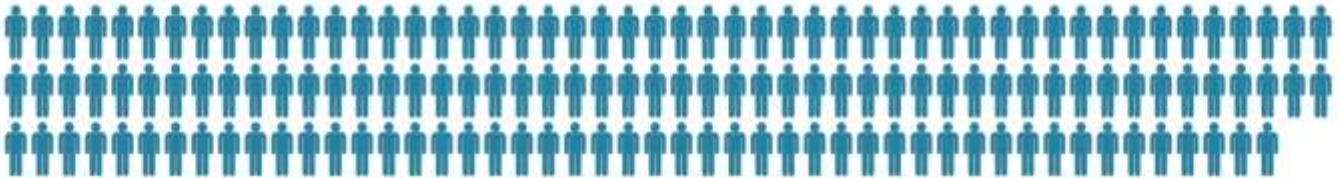


**1.1 million** people who worked last year **suffered from an illness** they believe was caused or made worse by their current or past work



Workplace injuries & ill health cost an estimated **£13.8 billion** in 2010/11

**148** workers were **killed at work**



**646,000** self-reported injuries at work

**22.7 million** due to ill health



**5.2 million** due to workplace injury

**78,222** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR



**706** cases were prosecuted by the HSE, Procurator Fiscal and local authorities in Great Britain



**13,503** enforcement notices were issued by all enforcing authorities



# Reported Types of Work-related Ill Health

The following are common health conditions that can be caused or made worse by workplace conditions or the type of work being performed. Sometimes symptoms may not appear until many years after the exposure, so it is extremely important to be diligent and properly assess your workers' risks.

## Stress

- 221,100 new cases
- 104 million working days lost due to stress
- Highest rates in managerial and professional occupations

## Respiratory Disease

- Approximately 8,500 new cases per year
- About 35,000 workers report they currently have breathing/lung problems caused or made worse by work
- Includes asthma, COPD, pneumoconiosis and silicosis

## Occupational Cancer

- 8,000 deaths and 13,500 new cases estimated per year
- Over 5,000 cases estimated each year from the construction industry
- Most new cases are lung, breast or skin cancer

## Musculoskeletal Disorders

- 141,000 new cases
- Approximately 40% of disorders affect the back and 40% affect the upper limbs
- 75 million working days lost
- Highest rates in workers over age 45

## Skin Diseases

- Approximately 35,000 new cases per year
- Most common type is contact dermatitis caused by allergens or irritants
- Florists, hairdressers, cooks and beauticians have the highest rates

## Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL)

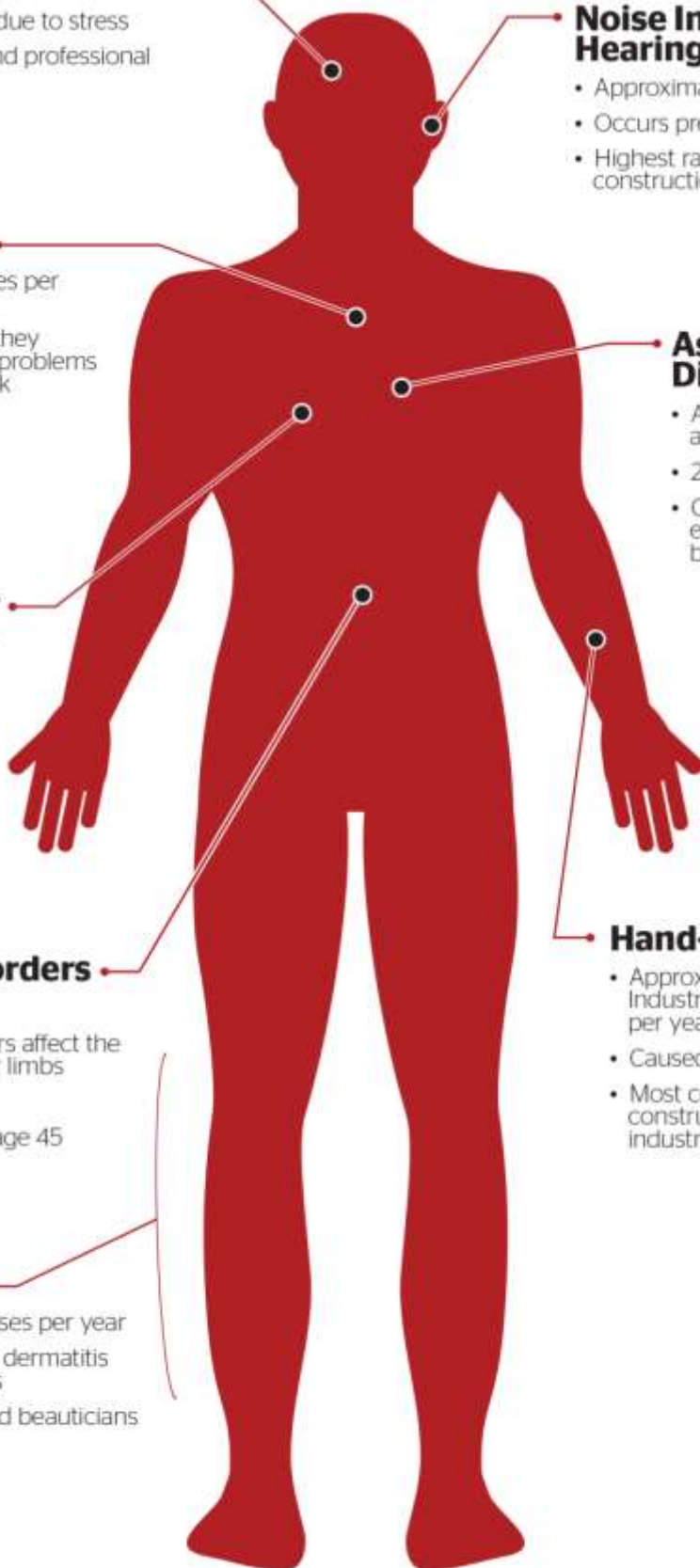
- Approximately 20,000 new cases per year
- Occurs predominantly in men
- Highest rates are in energy, extraction, construction and manufacturing industries

## Asbestos-related Diseases

- At least 4,500 deaths per year and increasing
- 2,291 mesothelioma deaths in 2011
- Current deaths are a result of past exposures, particularly in building-related jobs

## Hand-arm Vibration

- Approximately 1,200 new claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit per year
- Caused by use of hand-held power tools
- Most commonly found in foundry, construction and manufacturing industries



# Reported Types of Workplace Injuries

The following contains statistics for **fatal injuries, employer-reported non-fatal injuries and self-reported injuries in the workplace.** Although some sectors have higher rates of injuries, workplace injuries can occur in any sector or profession. Help keep your employees safe by conducting proper risk assessments and implementing safe policies and procedures.

## Overview



**Highest rates of injury in manual occupations,** specifically agriculture, construction and transport



Most frequent causes of injury are from **manual handling, slips and trips and falls from height**

**Higher rates of injury for less experienced workers**



## Fatal Injuries (148 total)

Construction:  
**39 fatalities**

Agriculture:  
**29 fatalities**

Other:  
**68 fatalities**

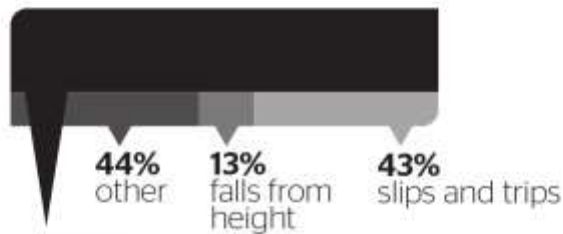
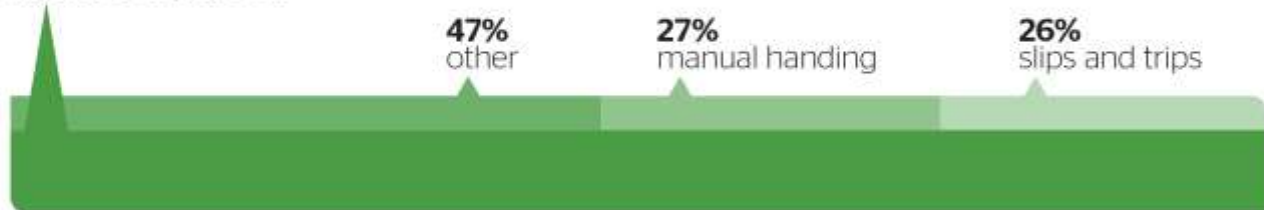
Waste and Recycling:  
**10 fatalities**



# Reported Types of Workplace Injuries (Continued)

## Employer-reported Non-fatal Injuries (78,222 total)

**58,515**  
over-seven-day  
injuries reported



**19,707**  
major injuries  
reported

## Self-reported Injuries (646,000 total)

**646,000**  
self-reported injuries  
in 2012/13



**175,000**  
self-reported injuries leading  
to over-seven-day absence  
(This has fallen by 1/3 over the past decade)

# Enforcement

The following details the number of cases prosecuted and enforcement notices issued by authorities in Great Britain. Stay complaint and up to date on health and safety legislation to make sure your business does not become an enforcement statistic.

## Cases Prosecuted (706 total)

**706 cases prosecuted**

in Great Britain for health and safety offences



**95% case conviction rate**  
(672 convictions)

## Enforcement Notices Issued (13,503 total, decrease of 15% from the previous year.)

**8,810**  
by the HSE



**4,693**  
by local authorities

## Fines



Total of  
**£15 million** in fines issued