

HSE Annual Health & Safety Statistics

2013/14



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General Overview

The following is the 2013/14 Annual Statistics Report for Great Britain, released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). These statistics show a 10 per cent drop in fatal injuries compared to 2012/13. 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.

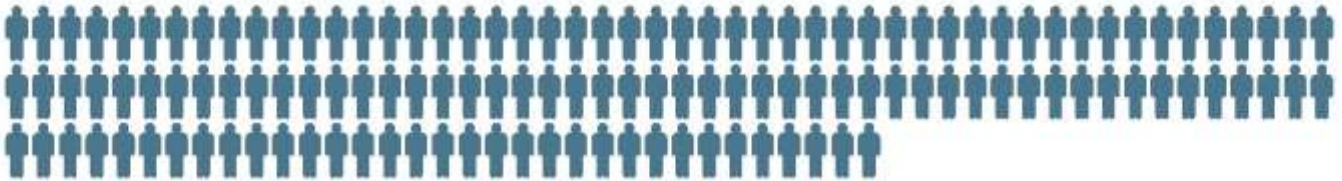


1.2 million people who worked last year **suffered from an illness** they believe was caused or made worse by their current or past work



Workplace injuries & ill health cost an estimated **£14.2 billion** in 2012/13

133 workers were **killed at work**



629,000 self-reported injuries at work

23.5 million due to ill health



working days lost

4.7 million due to workplace injury

77,593 injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR



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



13,790 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

- 244,000 new cases
- 11.3 million working days lost due to stress, depression or anxiety
- The average days lost per case for stress, depression or anxiety was 23 days—higher than musculoskeletal disorders

Respiratory Disease

- Approximately 10,000 new cases per year
- About 30,000 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
- More than 5,500 cases estimated each year from the construction industry
- The leading cause of death is occupational exposure to asbestos

Musculoskeletal Disorders

- 184,000 new cases
- Approximately 40% of disorders affect the back, and 40% affect the upper limbs
- Highest rates in workers over age 45

Skin Diseases

- Approximately 1,268 new cases of skin disease reported by dermatologists in 2013
- 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)

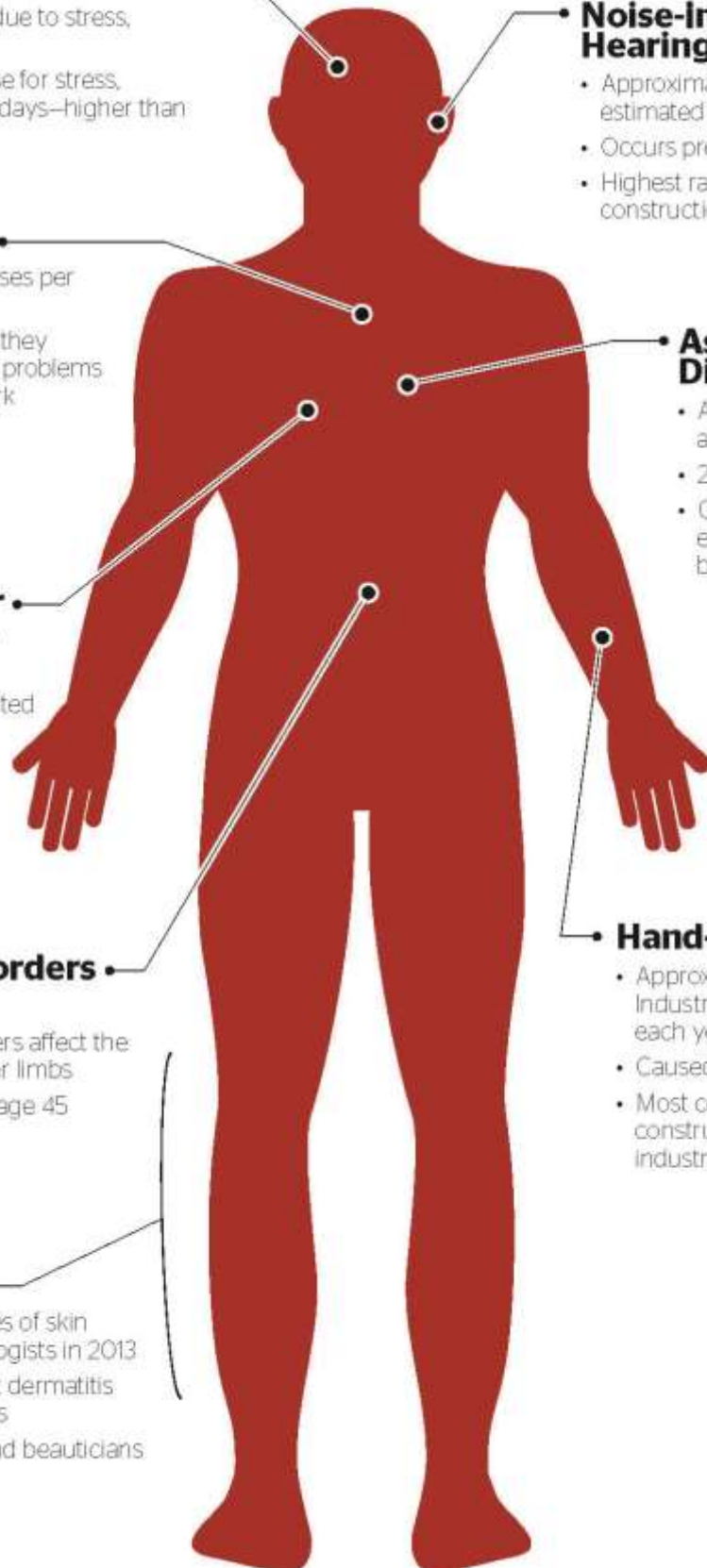
- Approximately 18,000 new cases estimated annually
- Occurs predominantly in men
- Highest rates are in energy, extraction, construction and manufacturing industries

Asbestos-related Diseases

- At least 5,000 deaths per year and still increasing
- 2,535 mesothelioma deaths in 2012
- Current deaths are a result of past exposures, particularly in building-related jobs

Hand-arm Vibration

- Approximately 1,000 new claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit each 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 sewerage and waste supply, agriculture, construction and transport



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

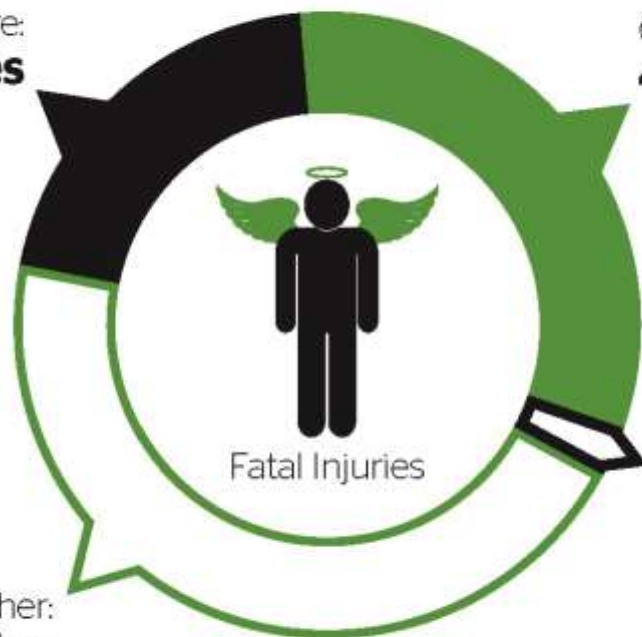
Higher rates of injury for less experienced workers



Fatal Injuries (133 total)

Agriculture:
27 fatalities

Construction:
42 fatalities



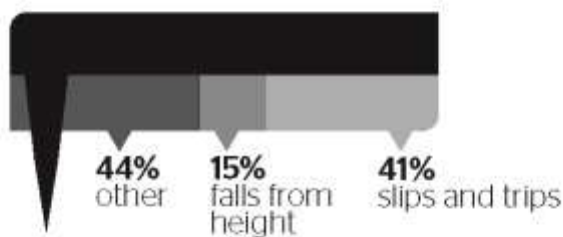
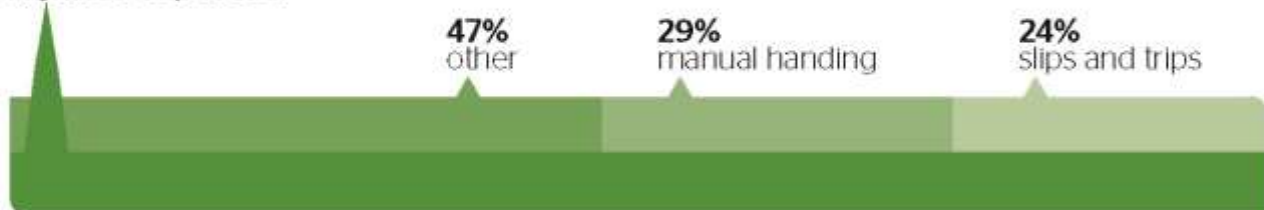
Waste and Recycling:
4 fatalities

Other:
60 fatalities

Reported Types of Workplace Injuries (Continued)

Employer-reported Non-fatal Injuries (77,593 total)

58,716
over-seven-day
injuries reported



18,877
major injuries
reported

Self-reported Injuries (629,000 total)

629,000
self-reported injuries
in 2013/14



148,000
self-reported injuries leading
to over-seven-day absence

Enforcement

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

Cases Prosecuted

674 cases prosecuted

in Great Britain for health and safety offences



94% case conviction rate

(636 convictions)

Enforcement Notices Issued (13,790 total, increase of 2% from the previous year)

10,119
by the HSE



3,671
by local authorities

Fines



Total of
£18 million in fines issued