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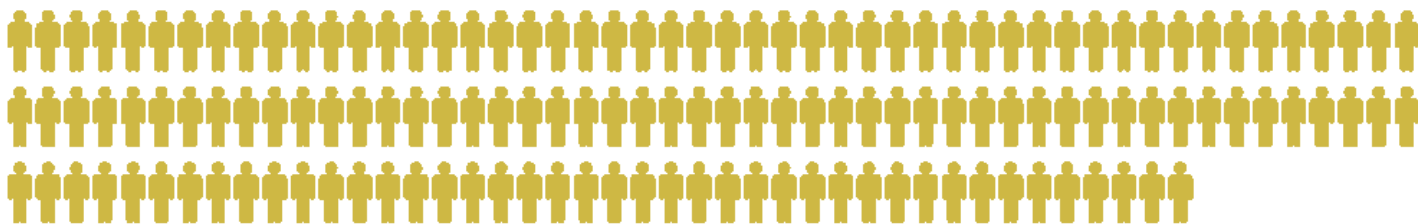
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# GENERAL OVERVIEW

The following is the 2014/15 Annual Statistics Report for Great Britain, released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). These statistics show a seven per cent increase in fatal injuries compared to 2013/14. Despite this increase, the rest of these statistics demonstrate that workplace health and safety is improving. Yet many of the

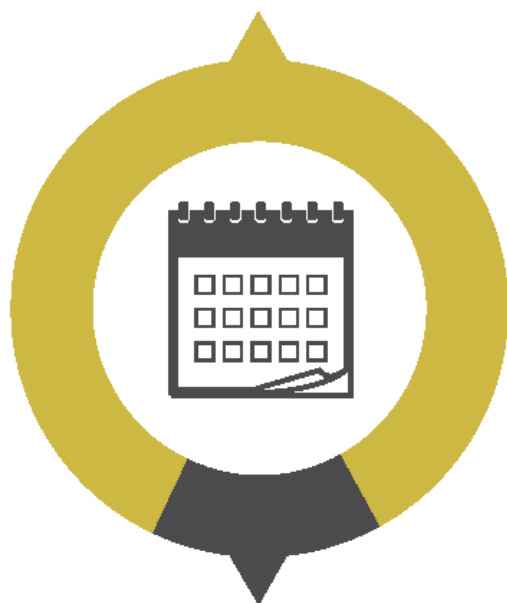
injuries and fatalities that occurred could have been prevented through simple safety measures. As you read through these numbers, consider what you can do to improve health and safety in your workplace.

## Employees Killed at Work: 142



## Working Days Lost:

**23.2 million** due to work-related ill health



**4.1 million** due to workplace injury



**1.2 million people** who worked last year **were suffering from an illness** they believed was caused or made worse by their work.



**61,000** self-reported injuries at work



**76,000** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR



**Workplace injuries and new cases of ill health** resulting from working conditions cost an estimated **£14.3 billion** in 2013/14



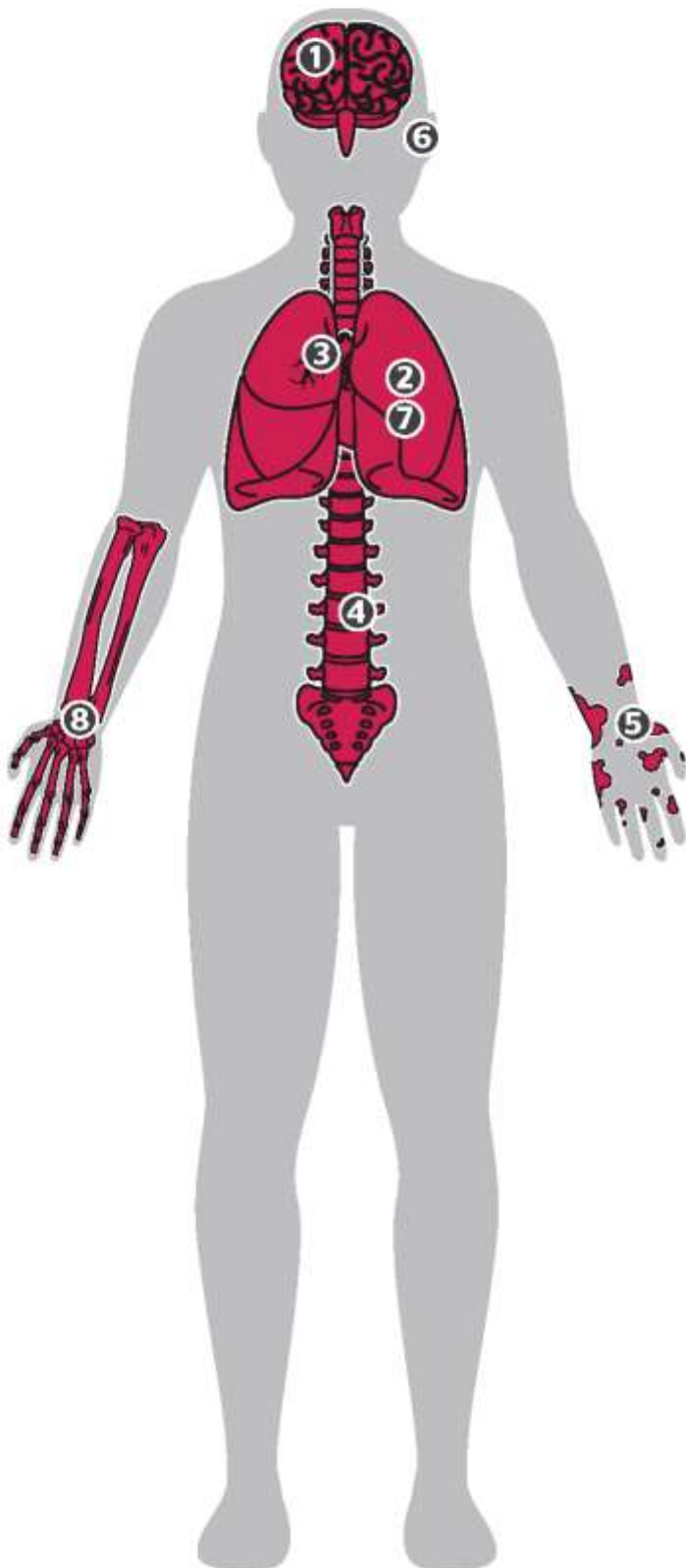
**728 cases were prosecuted** by the HSE, Procurator Fiscal and local authorities in Great Britain

**12,430 enforcement notices** were issued by all enforcing authorities



# REPORTED 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.



## 1. Stress

- 234,000 new cases
- 9.9 million working days lost due to stress
- Main factors cited as causing work-related stress were workload pressures and a lack of managerial support

## 2. Respiratory Disease

- Approximately 12,000 deaths each year due to work-related respiratory disease
- About 33,000 people who worked last year have breathing/ lung problems caused or made worse by work
- Includes asthma, COPD, pneumoconiosis and silicosis

## 3. Occupational Cancer

- 8,000 deaths and 13,500 new cases estimated per year
- Most new cases are lung cancer, breast cancer or skin cancer
- Three times more men than women die from occupational cancer

## 4. Musculoskeletal Disorders

- 169,000 new cases
- 9.5 million working days lost
- Manual handling is the main work activity causing back disorders

## 5. Skin Diseases

- More than 1,050 occupational dermatitis cases seen by dermatologists in 2014
- Most common type is contact dermatitis caused by allergens or irritants
- Working with wet hands and soaps/cleansing agents are the most common causes of dermatitis

## 6. Noise-induced Hearing Loss (NIHL)

- Approximately 15,000 people working last year suffered from NIHL caused or made worse by work
- Highest rates are in energy and extraction, construction and manufacturing industries
- NIHL is a long-latency disease that is difficult to estimate accurately

## 7. Asbestos-related Diseases

- Approximately 5,000 per year and still increasing
- Around 2,500 mesothelioma deaths per year projected for the rest of this decade
- Diseases take many years to develop following exposure to asbestos

## 8. Hand-arm Vibration

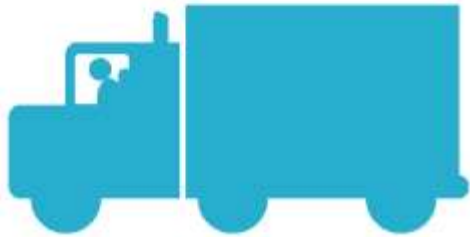
- Approximately 16,000 claims over last 12 years for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
- Caused by use of hand-held power tools
- Extractive, construction and manufacturing industries are most at risk

# REPORTED TYPES OF WORKPLACE INJURIES

The following contains statistics on 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

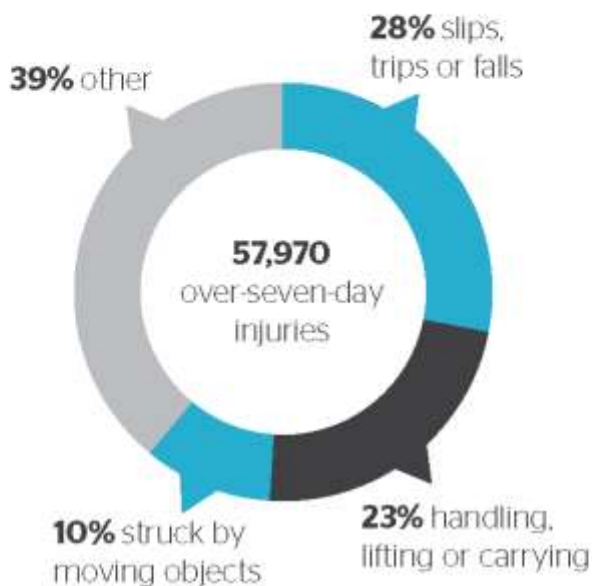
your employees safe by conducting proper risk assessments and implementing safe policies and procedures.

## Overview

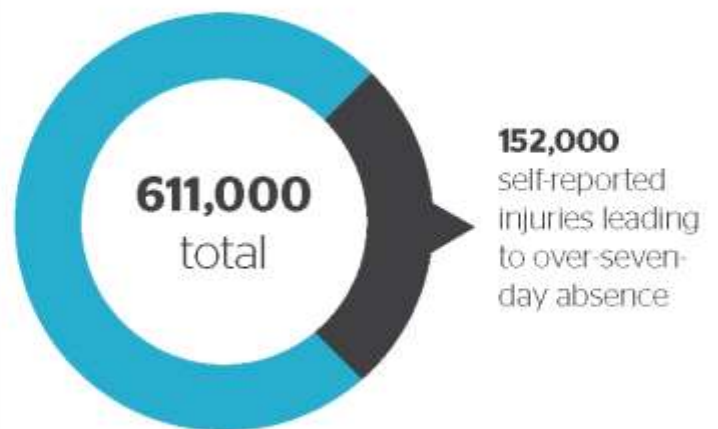


- Highest rates in manual occupations, specifically sewerage and waste supply, agriculture, construction and transport
- Most frequent causes of injury are manual handling, slips and trips, and falls from height
- Higher rates for men than for women, and for less experienced workers

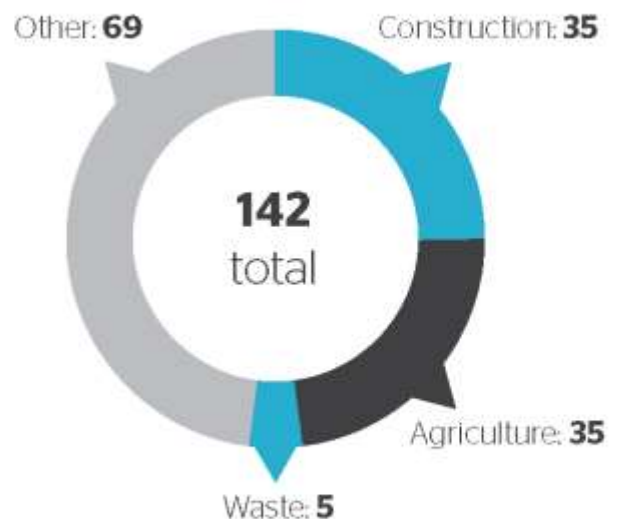
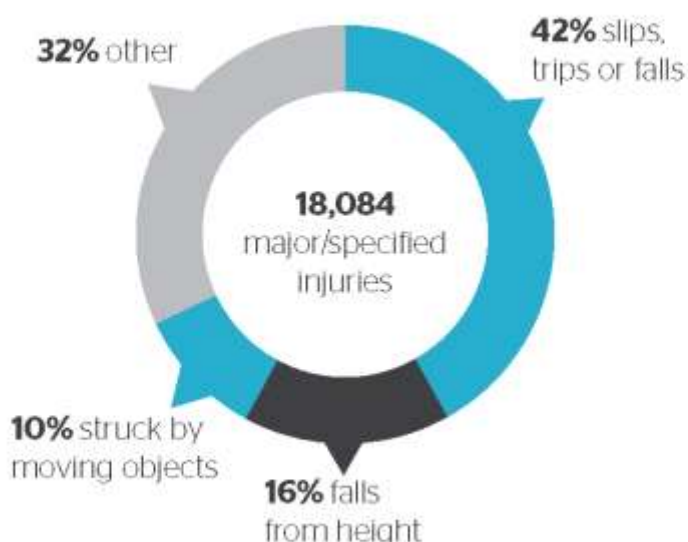
## Employer-reported Non-fatal Injuries:



## Self-reported Injuries:



## Fatal Injuries:



# 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 ensure your business does not become an enforcement statistic.

**728 cases prosecuted**  
in Great Britain for health and safety offences



**94% case conviction rate**  
(682 convictions)

**12,430 Enforcement Notices Issued** (Decrease of 10% from the previous year )



**2,984** by local authorities  
**9,446** by the HSE



Total of

**£19 million**

in fines issued

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