FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES

In 2016, one Minnesota worker died every four days.

3.4: Minnesota’s fatal occupational injury rate in 2016.

More than one in three fatal workplace injuries involved driving or operating a vehicle.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry workers’ compensation claims database, Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Insurers Association and other sources.

NUMBER PER YEAR

![Number of fatal injuries per year graph]

RATE PER 100,000 FTE WORKERS

![Rate of fatal injuries per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers graph]

BY INDUSTRY, 2012–2016

![Chart showing fatal injuries by industry]

BY WORKER ACTIVITY, 2012–2016

![Chart showing fatal injuries by worker activity]

NON-FATAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

202/day: Number of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses, 2016.
94/day: Number of serious workplace injuries and illnesses requiring time off, job transfer or other restrictions, 2016.

INJURY AND ILLNESS TYPES, 2016

![Chart showing injury and illness types]

CLAIMS AND TOTAL SYSTEM COSTS

![Chart showing claims and total system costs]

COST PER CLAIM

![Chart showing cost per claim]

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

The number of claims has dropped since 2007, but the cost per claim has increased.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

![Chart showing hospitalizations]

FARM-RELATED INJURIES
Seven people a day are seriously injured on the farm.

SERIOUS INJURIES

COSTS

FATAL INJURIES AND MESOTHELIOMA CASES

LUNG DISEASE
Workplace illnesses like mesothelioma (lung disease and cancer) can appear many years after exposure. Almost all male cases are due to asbestos exposure at work. A significant portion of female cases are due to second-hand exposure to asbestos dust brought home on clothing.

Contrary to common belief, asbestos has not been banned from products. Certain uses, primarily in construction and automotive products, are still allowed. Current proposals at the Federal level could allow more “new uses” of asbestos.

FALLS
Eleven people a day fall at work and are injured. This includes falls to a lower level and falls on the same level.

FALLS IN THE WORKPLACE

AMPUTATIONS
Amputations are less frequent than other injuries but have a severe impact on both the employee and employer.

NUMBER PER YEAR

OSH PROFESSIONALS
The number of safety professionals in the workforce has dropped 15% since 2005.