

Major Injuries and Occupational Incidences on Workplaces in Taiwan

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Abstract

Injury statistics are of vital importance in the prevention of occupational incidence on workplace. The Council of Labor Affairs (CLA) in Taiwan has published injury statistics annually which provide sources in studying the significance of loss prevention for industries. This article summarizes the statistics of major occupational injuries in Taiwan based on the official publication of the CLA. A focus of the study was on the five year trend of injury statistics during 2003 to 2007. The results of the study show that injuries caused by being caught in/compressed by, cut/cut/abrasion, and fall were ranked as the top three injury patterns. Investigations and interventions are, therefore, in urgent needs to tackle these problems. In addition, it was not clear how much cost in dollar amount had been paid by both the victims, employers, and the society for these injury patterns according to the CLA Annual Reports. An in-depth investigation is, therefore, required to determine the severity and financial burden for the major injury patterns which will provide one of the bases for the determination of interventions required in preventing these incidences.

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