Common Workplace Injuries – Stats & Facts

FACTS

1. The following workplace hazards result in the injuries to workers that are preventable.

- Overexertion
- Same Level Falls
- Struck by Object or Equipment
- Falls to Lower Level
- Bodily Reactions or Other Exertions
- Motorized Vehicle Accidents
- Slip or Trip with No Fall
- Caught or Compressed by Machinery
- Struck Against an Object

1. Most cited violations by OSHA

- Fall Protection
- Hazard Communication Standard
- Scaffolding Requirements
- Respiratory Protection
- Lockout/ Tagout Requirements
- Powered Industrial Trucks.

STATS

- The number of work-related fatalities has declined by more than 65 percent in the last few decades, and work related illnesses have declined by an impressive 67 percent.
- Falls, slips, and trips reported 25,460 such injuries at a rate of 35.9 per 10,000 full-time workers. More than 72,000 workers in trade, transportation, and utilities were also injured in falls during 2019, at a rate of 31.4 per 10,000 full-time workers.
- The BLS categorizes 275,590 incidents as “overexertion and bodily reaction,” making it the most common source of work-related injuries for private companies.
- Contact with objects or equipment is third place on a list of work-related injuries with 229,410 accidents in this category, 25.8% of all incidents compared to 27.5% for falls, slips, and trips.
- OSHA says 75% of all “struck-by” fatalities involve heavy equipment.
- With 49,430 injuries, transportation incidents only make up about 5.6% of all nonfatal workplace injuries. However, they caused more worker deaths (2,122) in 2019 than the top three workplace injuries combined (1,612).