

Six Facts on Occupational Incidents



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot)
Odds that a 20-year-old worker will die before reaching retirement: 16 in 100.
(Social Security Administration/CDC)

1. The International Labour Organization (ILO) says two million people across the world die from work-related causes every year.
2. The ILO estimates that four percent of the annual global Gross Domestic Product (\$1.25 trillion US) is lost because of direct and indirect costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses, including lost workdays, medical expenses and lost productivity.
3. On average, five Canadians die each day on the job.
4. An average of 16 US workers lose their lives on the job every day.
5. Nearly 25 percent of all work-related deaths in the US involve fatal highway incidents.
6. The US fishing industry has the highest death rate of all industries, at 118.4 per 100,000 workers.