

Conclusion

Research and prevention activities of a federal occupational safety and health agency are greatly enhanced through the involvement of stakeholders and the combination of intramural and extramural efforts. Stakeholders provide front-line input on the most pressing needs of workers and employers in terms of research and prevention as well as information dissemination.

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Trends in workplace homicide, U.S., 1993-2002

Problem

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Objectives

To describe the trends in workplace homicide in the by various demographic and occupational categories over the decade from 1993 to 2002.

Method or Approach

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Results

The total number of workplace homicides has declined dramatically over the 10-year period from 1,074 workplace homicides in 1993 to 609 in 2002—a 43% decline. This decline did not, however, occur uniformly across all demographic and occupational categories. For example, there was a 46% reduction in workplace homicides among males over the decade while only 28% for females. With regard to race, the numbers declined by 58% among Asians, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders, 47% for Whites, 42% for Hispanic or Latinos, and only 32% for Blacks or African Americans. By type of incident, hitting/kicking/beating deaths remained virtually unchanged with 35 in 1993 and 34 such deaths in 2002, while shooting deaths declined 47% over the period. By time of day, the greatest declines occurred in the categories from 8pm-11:59pm and 12am-3:59am, with 53% and 49% reductions respectively; in comparison, from 8am-11:59am, workplace homicides declined only 12%. Patterns also varied dramatically by occupation with cashiers experiencing a 57% decline while sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers saw a 62% increase over the period. By industry, retail trade homicides declined by 50% over the decade while homicides in the service sector declined 29%. Within services, two sectors of interest which saw virtually no change over the period are hotels and motels with 8 homicides in 1993 and 9 in 2002 and health services which had 14 homicides in 1993 and 13 in 2002.

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Burden of injury: A community based study from Nepal

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Problem

Collection of data due to the lack of presence of a head of the household during the survey.

Objectives

To estimate the prevalence of different types of injuries, disability days and their epidemiological factors in a rural community of eastern Nepal.

Method or Approach

Study design: Population based descriptive study, Place of Study: Sonapur Village Development Committee (VDC), Study Population: All households of the VDC, Sample Technique: Sonapur VDC was selected among the 49 VDCs of Sunsari district of eastern Nepal by simple random sampling technique (lottery method). The demographic information of the population was taken by interviewing the head of the households with the help of a pre-tested questionnaire. A detail questionnaire was administered to the individuals suffering from the injuries. The treatment cost a day's lost due to disability and was also recorded.

Results

A total of 99.1% household were interviewed during the survey. The prevalence of minor and major injuries were 349.9 and 0.39 per 1000 people per year respectively. The productive age group persons (10 – 40 years) were highest (6.7%) among the injured people. Agricultural labourers (7.1%), factory employee (4.7%) and students (4.1%) were main categories of people

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Occupational injuries among agricultural workers in Hungary 1997–2001
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Fatal occupational injuries from three information sources in Santa Catarina: What can we learn about these data?
Department of Public Health, Health Science Centre, Federal University of Santa, Brazil
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Scientific worker and licensed professional deaths in Alaska, 1990–2002
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Occupational risks of primary health care workers: first step for prevention
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Evaluation of discomfort related to a Tadauk pod pruning task
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Evaluation of work strains in lawn mowing task
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- 612 Katsakiori, Panagiota
Modelling occupational injury mortality in Greece, 1995–2000
University of Patras, Greece
- 613 Kivimäki, Tuuli
Electrical accidents
Tampere University of Technology, Institute of Occupational Safety Engineering, Finland