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SIP TIP: STATISTICS WORTH PONDERING

Most Fatal Industry: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) 2003 data, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities lead the way in 2003 with 1,371 deaths. Construction was 2nd with 1,126 deaths.

Fatal Falls: BLS data indicate 69 people died in 2003 from falling on the same level they were working; 5 of those deaths were in the construction industry. So you wonder why housekeeping is such an important element of a safe workplace?!

Odds of Death: According to information at the National Safety Council's website, 1 in 247 people will die in a car accident. 1 in 1,230,975 people will die in a streetcar accident.

Industry with Most Non-Fatal Injuries: According to 2003 BLS data, the Transportation and warehousing industry lead the way with 7.8 injuries per 100 full-time workers, followed by Construction and Manufacturing, both at 6.8. The safest industry? Financial services at 1.7.

Cost of an Injury: As of October 2004: For an penalty-rated employer with an EMR of 1.16 (16% more injury costs than their competitors) in specialty-trade construction with 4 to 5 full-time workers, and \$175,000 payroll per half year, every \$1,000 medical-only workers' compensation claim will result in an increase in premium payments of \$1,120 over four years. That's actual money out of pocket!



An Opener: The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that 3 out of 5 workers who suffered eye injury were not wearing eye protection. For those who did wear protection, 40% were wearing the wrong type. And they estimated that of the 1,000 eye injuries every day, 100,000 of those will result in vision loss.

Absenteeism: According to a recent federal government survey, full-time workers in construction and maintenance occupations posted the lowest absence rate of 2.7 percent in 2004, Construction work tends to be short-term, seasonal and is sometimes affected by weather conditions, so workers really can't afford to be absent. Which occupation has the highest rate? Sales and office.

Number of Lives You Have?: Your name may be Tom, but you don't have a friend mouse name Jerry. You have one life. Use it wisely and safely. Your family, children, and friends are counting on it.

