

The Annual Health and Safety Statistics 2018

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their annual release of health and safety statistics on work-related injury, ill health, enforcement and costs in Great Britain.

Here we outline the key take-outs from the report.

Key facts for Great Britain (2017/18) show:

- 1.4 million working people suffering from work-related ill health
- 0.6 million work-related stress, depression or anxiety cases
- 0.5 million work-related musculoskeletal disorder cases
- £9.7 billion annual costs of new cases of work-related ill health (2016/17)
- 0.6 million injuries to workers
- 71,062 injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- 144 workers killed at work
- £5.2 billion annual costs of workplace injuries (2016/17)
- 30.7 million working days lost due to work-related ill health and workplace injury
- 12,000 estimated lung disease deaths per year that are linked to past exposures at work
- 2,595 mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2016)
- 555,000 injuries occurred at work according to the Labour Force Survey
- £15.0 billion estimated cost of work-related injuries and new cases of ill health excluding long latency illness such as cancer (2016/17)

In terms of enforcement:

- 493 cases were prosecuted, or referred to COPFS for prosecution in Scotland, by HSE where a conviction was achieved in 2017/18
- 11,522 notices issued by all enforcing bodies in 2017/18
- £72.6 million in fines resulted from prosecutions taken, or referred to COPFS for prosecution in Scotland, by HSE where a conviction was achieved in 2017/18

In comparison to Europe:

- The UK consistently has one of the lowest standardised rates of fatal injury across the EU, lower than other large economies and the EU average
- Non-fatal injuries in the UK were at a similar level to other large economies in 2013
- UK rates of work-related ill health resulting in sick leave were lower than most other EU countries

SOURCE: HSE. Health and safety at work. Summary statistics for Great Britain 2018.

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