



2.5.a Serious Worker Injuries: Deaths - supplemental information

Decrease the rate of extremely serious worker injuries that lead to death from 2.7 per 100,000 full time workers to 2.5 per 100,000 full time workers by December 2016.

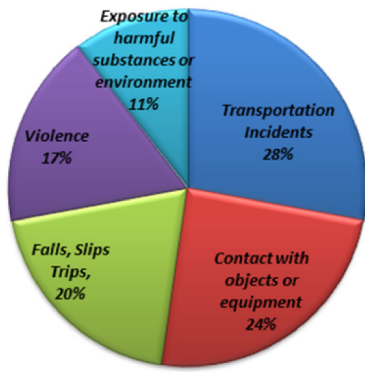
The status of this measure is at baseline for 2014 at 2.7. The 2013 rate was reflecting a decline at 1.7. Washington had a total of 88 fatal workplace injuries in 2014. Although the WA rate is significantly lower than the national rate, WA currently ranks 10th in workplace fatalities. The final number of U.S. workplace fatalities in 2014 was 4,821, up from the preliminary count of 4,679 that was reported in September 2015. This is the highest annual total since 2008. The overall fatal work injury rate for the United States in 2014 was 3.4 fatal injuries per 100,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers, slightly higher than the final rate of 3.3 reported for 2013. The higher overall rate in 2014 is the first increase in the national fatal injury rate since 2010. The next CFI data release will be December 2016, for 2015 data.

Annually the Department of Labor and Industries honors workers who had fatal injuries on the job. April 28th L&I will host a Public Workers Memorial with workers, families and staff at L&I seeking to decrease fatalities on the job. A different data set is utilized for the Memorial from our SHARP division at L&I (FACE Report), which allows for a slightly more current view of data.

Visit our Workers Memorial link for more information:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Main/AboutLNI/workermemorialday/>

2014 Washington State Worker Fatalities by Event or Exposure



Action Plan

Problem / Opportunity	Strategy	Task	Due Date
<p>Businesses in very high hazard industries have a great monetary incentive to increase safety, but may not understand the relationship between hazard prevention which leads to injury prevention which leads to lower workers compensation premiums which increases productivity and profits.</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>The logging safety initiative incentivized logging firms who undertake specific cooperative worker compensation audit and safety program review.</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>		Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>L&I can leverage information and outreach on the national level to reduce specific high risk hazards.</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Pick specific hazard or industry initiatives focusing on key leading causes of hospitalizations and fatalities</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Participate in national safety stand down in June providing outreach emphasizing how to prevent falls from elevation including movie theatre spots.</p>	Due Date Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>DOSH inspections effectively identify existing worker hazards and systems but want to focus every employer on their specific industry hazards before they experience worker injuries and fatalities</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Provide each employer with a closing conference fact sheet comparing their workers compensation costs to industry averages. This information will allow them to identify hazards and create abatement strategies.</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Research has shown that firms with DOSH visits are able to lower their injury rate. IPSOS survey will ask employers if they got a fact sheet and how useful the sheet was.</p>	Due Date annual Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>L&I has data that helps our inspectors customize their message during safety and health visits in order to have the greatest impact on safety.</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Through training, ensure safety and health staff focus on the leading causes of compensable claim injury and illnesses during every physical worksite visit.</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>	<p>Task</p>	Due Date Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>L&I collects a lot of data about the causes and types of workplace injuries sustained.</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Summarize at least annually the root causes of compensable claims and share internally and externally for prevention activities</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Ensure there are worker safety and health rules covering hazard prevention for the root causes identified (RCW 49.17)</p>	Due Date Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>L&I is able to directly visit less than two percent of businesses in the state.</p> <p>Lead Agency L&I Partner Agency</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Targeted outreach and education to specific industry groups.</p> <p>Task Lead L&I staff</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Ensure that comprehensive industry and hazard specific websites, publications and hazard alerts are published for any patterns of compensable claim injury and illness root causes.</p>	Due Date Status
<p>Problem / Opportunity</p> <p>The state has very limited resources to visit high risk businesses. L&I uses a</p>	<p>Strategy</p> <p>Modify the existing systems for assigning workplaces for inspections to increase</p>	<p>Task</p> <p>Maximize effective resource use to increase safety and health inspections from</p>	Due Date Status

scheduled inspection lists and strategies to identify those high risk businesses where safety and health systems are very important to prevent large number of workers exposed to serious hazards.

likelihood of finding a serious hazard

Task Lead L&I staff

proactive scheduling lists and high hazard industries.

Lead Agency L&I

Partner Agency

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L&I does not have resources to conduct safety investigations for most small businesses which account for the majority of businesses in the state. L&I, thus, conducts targeted	Safety consultations are provided to employers that either have a small number of employees (under 25) or who are not yet identified for a safety and health	To provide assistance to small business owners who may have serious safety risks, L&I works with stakeholder groups like the Construction Advisory Committee to		

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