

HSE SAFETY CORNERSTONES

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HSE Annual Statistics Explained

Every year, the HSE publishes its annual statistics regarding the health and safety of employees across Britain. The most recent figures cover the period of April 2021 to March 2022. Statistics included in the data describe workplace ill health, workplace injuries and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, incorporated enforcement figures act as a stark reminder of the danger of not adhering to HSE regulations. The following summarises the 2021/22 statistics:

- **123** workers were killed in work-related accidents.
- **565,000** working people sustained an injury at work.
- **61,713** injuries to employees were reported under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR).
- **36.8 million** working days were lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury.

Additionally, **1.8 million** working people suffered from a work-related illness, of which:

- **477,000** workers suffered from a work-related musculoskeletal disorder.

- **123,000** workers suffered from COVID-19, which they believe they may have been exposed to at work.
- **914,000** workers suffered from work-related stress, depression and anxiety.

The final statistic noted—the number of employees suffering from work-related stress, depression and anxiety—is especially pertinent. This figure stood at **822,000** in the HSE's 2020/21 report, and has risen **10%** to **914,000**. Seeing as poor mental well-being can result in reduced employee productivity and increased absenteeism, it's important that employers take steps to address this growing trend. As such, mental health initiatives will remain important across all industries in 2023.

Overall, understanding health and safety trends will be important for employers in 2023. By taking the time to understand the most prevalent risks, organisations can take appropriate measures to keep employees safe.

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Company Fined After Worker Fell Through Station Canopy

Engineering company G Nicholson (Engineers) Limited of Blue House Lane, Washington Tyne and Wear has been fined **£20,000** after an employee suffered a fractured pelvis and internal injuries from a fall through a petrol station forecourt canopy. The worker was removing corrugated metal sheets from the roof when a gust of wind caught the sheet he was holding. Consequently, the employee fell four metres through the canopy to the concrete below. G Nicholson (Engineers) Ltd pleaded guilty to breaching Section 4(1) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005 for not properly assessing the risk from working on the canopy. The company was fined **£20,000** and ordered to pay costs of **£7,825**, alongside a victim surcharge of **£190**.

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