



Guernsey Workplace Accidents Statistics 2009

The recently released past 12 months' statistics, of reported workplace injuries in Guernsey (those resulting in more than 3 days' absence from work or specific major injuries) show an increase of more than 20% in the number of injuries resulting from manual handling (lifting, moving or otherwise handling objects in the workplace).

The figures also confirm an increase in injuries in the hospitality sector of just under 20% and construction 7%.

It was pleasing to note a reduction in injuries resulting from a fall from height and the number of slips and trips (one of the most common causes of injuries in Guernsey) also fell.

Overall the number of reported workplace injuries increased by 8% in 2009 compared to 2008, which was disappointing.

As GOSHA highlighted last year, most of these workplace injuries could have been prevented by taking sensible, cost-effective precautions - such as implementing regular risk assessments and by arranging adequate initial and refresher training for employees.

GOSHA Health & Safety Awards 2010

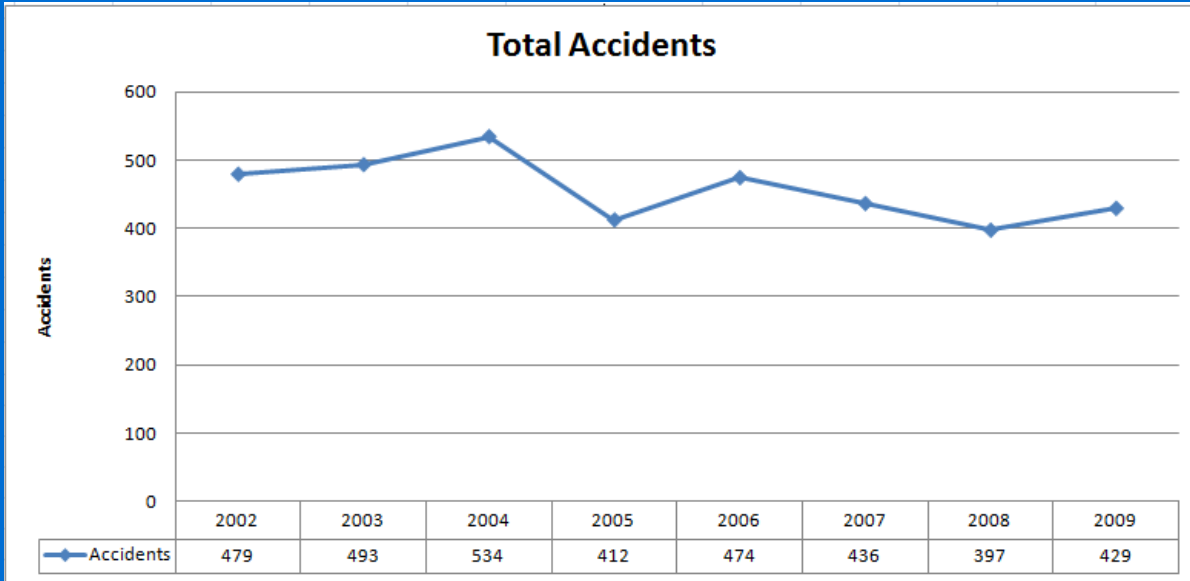
GOSHA are repeating the successful Health & Safety Awards Programme in 2010, supported by Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands.

The awards are a fantastic opportunity for Guernsey businesses and organisations, both large and small, to be recognised for the efforts they have made to promote the health & safety of staff and the public.

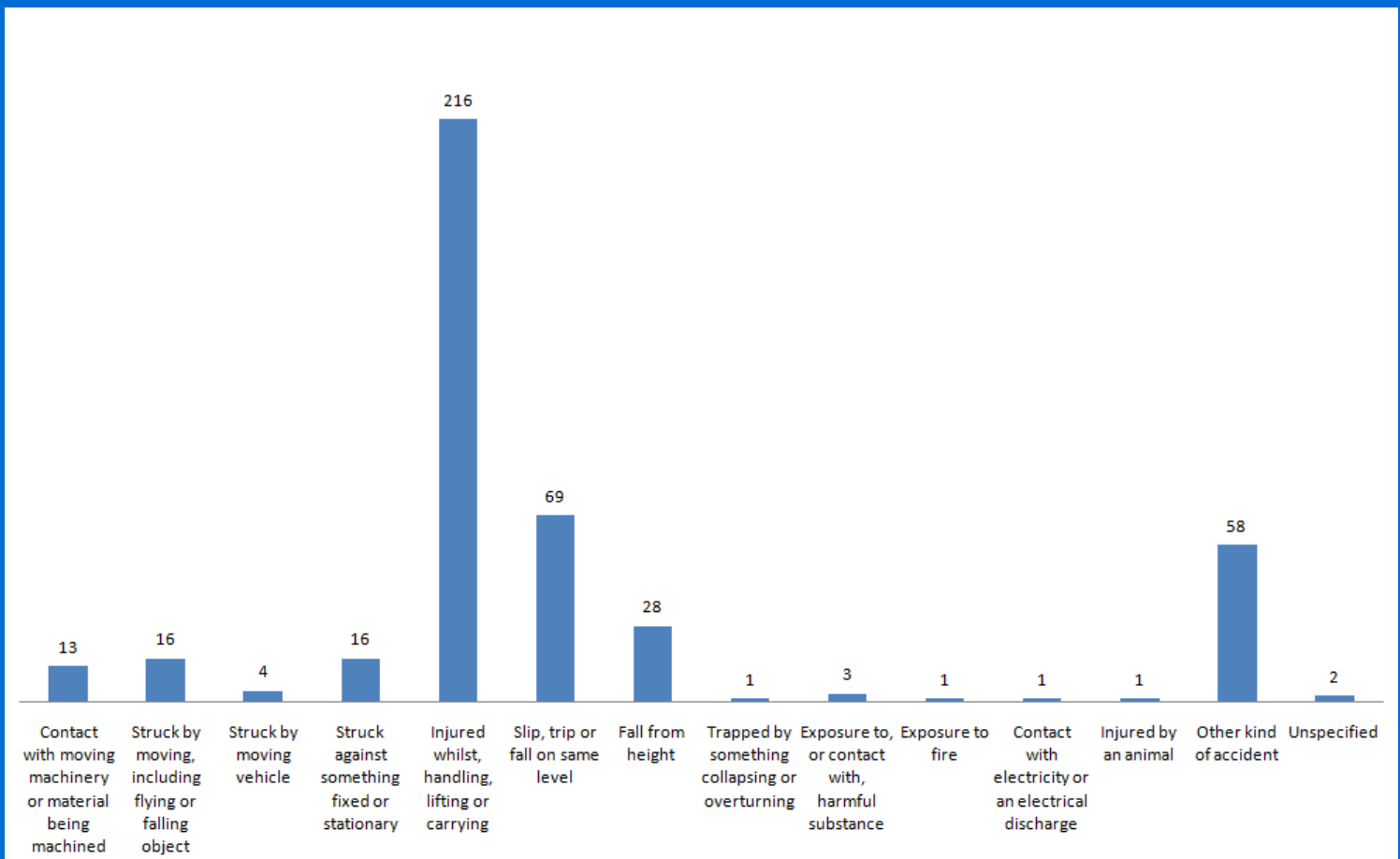
The invitation to apply for the awards coincides with the release of the annual health & safety statistics – compiled by the Guernsey Health & Safety Executive.

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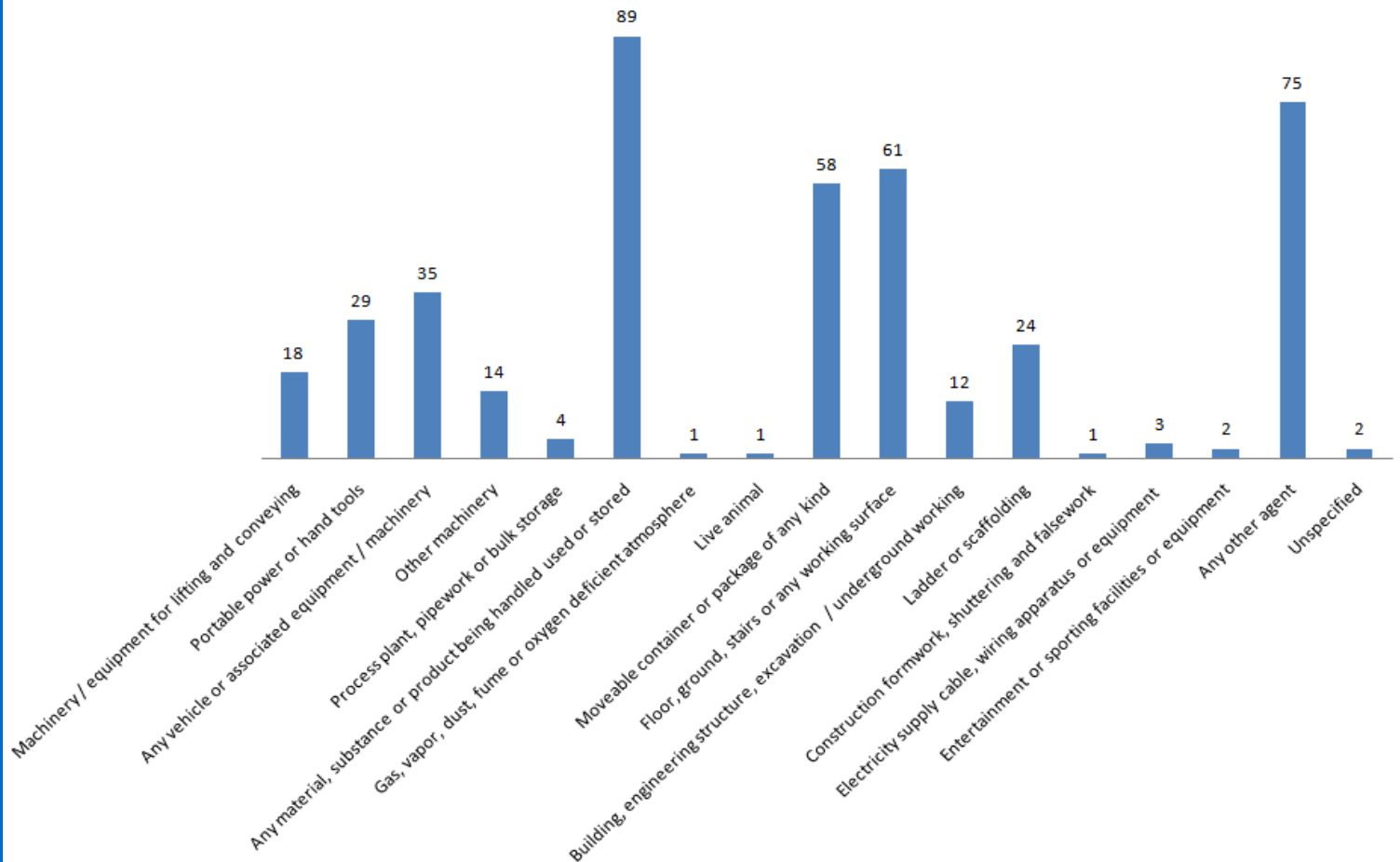
Accident trend for the year 2002 to 2009



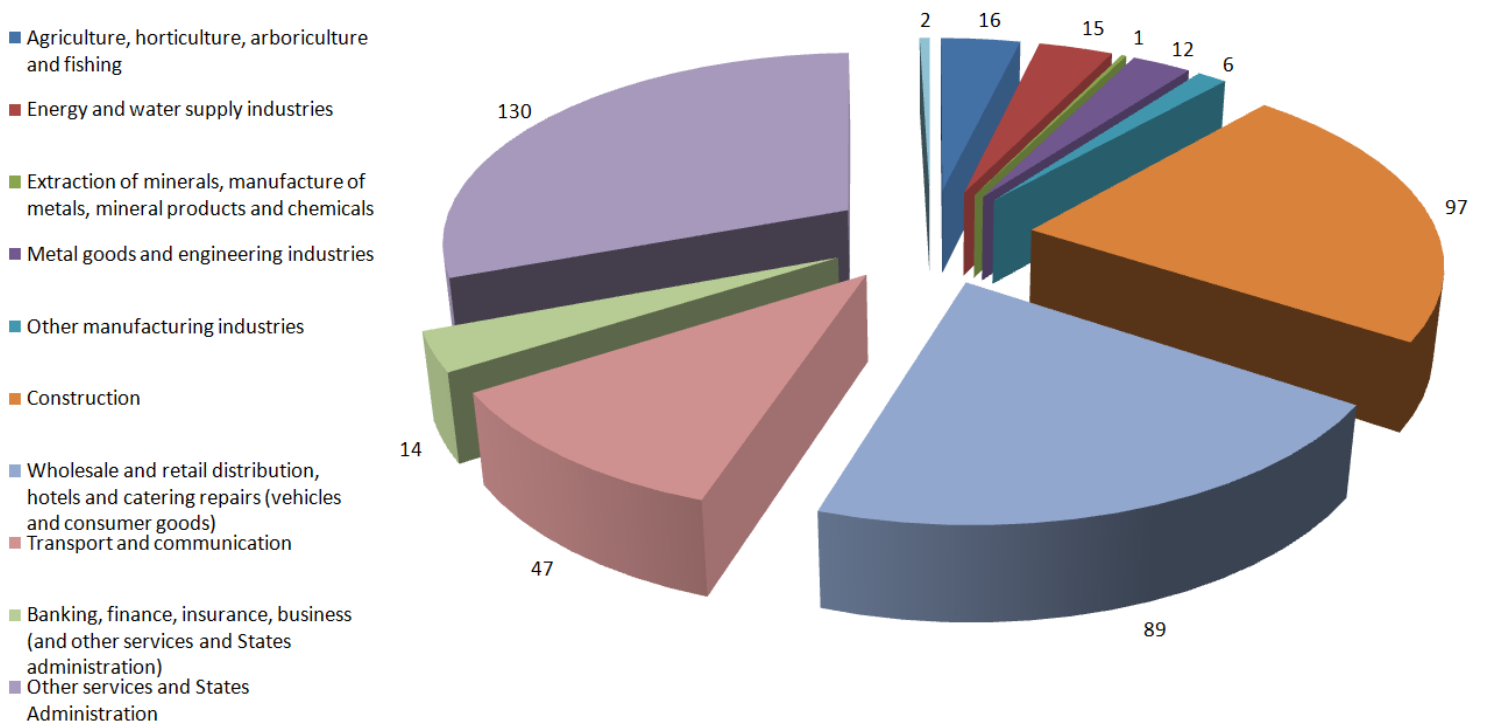
Accident statistics for the year 2009— Kind of accident



Accident statistics for the year 2009— Agents involved



Injuries by nature of trade, business or undertaking - standard industrial classification



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Accidents Resulting in over 3 days' absence from work 2009 - Full analysis

Kind of Accident	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Contact with moving machinery or material being machined	14	12	15	11	13	17	10	13
Struck by moving, including flying or falling object	29	21	22	28	18	17	16	16
Struck by moving vehicle	9	9	2	7	9	3	3	4
Struck against something fixed or stationary	19	15	26	17	13	17	9	16
Injured whilst handling, lifting or carrying	219	260	286	195	266	224	179	216
Slip, trip or fall on same level	91	73	86	70	66	87	78	69
Fall from height	33	37	32	32	32	17	40	28
Trapped by something collapsing or overturning	2	3	0	1	4	2	0	1
Drowning or asphyxiation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exposure to, or contact with, harmful substance	5	4	8	2	9	3	2	3
Exposure to fire	1	3	0	4	1	0	0	1
Exposure to an explosion	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Contact with electricity or an electrical discharge	7	4	1	4	2	5	0	1
Injured by an animal	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	1
Other kind of accident	40	47	49	36	38	42	55	58
Unspecified	9	5	5	3	2	1	0	2
TOTAL	479	493	534	412	474	436	397	429

Agent (s) Involved	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Machinery / equipment for lifting and conveying	31	23	26	27	27	12	18	18
Portable power or hand tools	35	29	37	39	40	31	20	29
Any vehicle or associated equipment / machinery	38	35	50	25	31	31	29	35
Other machinery	16	18	17	14	13	13	6	14
Process plant, pipework or bulk storage	10	7	3	3	2	2	6	4
Any material, substance or product being handled used or stored	121	118	144	94	98	96	68	89
Gas, vapor, dust, fume or oxygen deficient atmosphere	2	5	5	1	3	1	2	1
Pathogen or infected material	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Live animal	1	0	5	1	2	1	5	1
Moveable container or package of any kind	51	56	63	59	70	60	58	58
Floor, ground, stairs or any working surface	81	71	86	70	85	84	88	61
Building, engineering structure, excavation / underground working	11	17	6	3	6	7	4	12
Ladder or scaffolding	21	26	22	20	26	18	22	24
Construction formwork, shuttering and falsework	3	5	2	4	3	5	3	1
Electricity supply cable, wiring apparatus or equipment	5	7	3	2	3	12	3	3
Entertainment or sporting facilities or equipment	0	2	2	0	0	3	2	2
Any other agent	45	68	60	46	64	59	63	75
Unspecified	8	6	3	4	1	0		2
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Injuries by nature of trade, business or undertaking - standard industrial classification	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture and fishing	14	16	21	11	15	9	6	16
Energy and water supply industries	22	20	22	10	8	7	17	15
Extraction of minerals, manufacture of metals, mineral products and chemicals	9	12	15	4	13	8	4	1
Metal goods and engineering industries	15	13	26	18	20	25	14	12
Other manufacturing industries	17	21	21	16	21	10	23	6
Construction	96	104	108	75	90	88	90	97
Wholesale and retail distribution, hotels and catering repairs (vehicles and consumer goods)	119	85	107	106	103	95	75	89
Transport and communication	43	48	50	31	39	39	45	47
Banking, finance, insurance, business (and other services and States administration)	27	23	15	16	12	27	15	14
Other services and States Administration	115	151	141	125	152	126	104	130
Miscellaneous	2	0	8	0	1	2	4	2
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Invitation to Guernsey Businesses Which Manage Health & Safety in the Workplace

Many businesses in Guernsey do a really good job in making workplaces healthy and safe places in which to work and, through our annual awards evening on the 11th November 2010, we would like to highlight the achievements of those who take sensible precautions and proactively manage workplace risks above the minimum legal standards.

We would be pleased to receive expressions of interest for our awards from businesses of all types in Guernsey.

For the first time in 2010, we are also introducing an individual category within the awards. Organisations may like to nominate an individual who has shown particular commitment in reducing accidents within their workplace.

Expressions of interest should be sent to GOSHA's secretary, Jon Coyde, Kauri House, Rue Cohu, Castel, GY5 7TG or jcoyde@newtelsurf.com

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