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Your Safety Matters

This information letter is distributed to those people who are ensuring that their workplace is safe and healthy. This includes members of OHS Committees, OHS Representatives, Safety Officers, Supervisors, Managers and Directors. "Your Safety Matters" was formerly "Committee Member" - a free information letter which has been distributed since 1996.

Good News.....

Here is the good news!

In NSW, according to WorkCover's latest statistical bulletin which compared statistics for the year 2005 with the year 2004;

- Work related deaths (125) were 5.3% less than in 2004.
- Injuries resulting in permanent disability were down by 4.7%.
- Manual handling injuries were down by 6.1%.
- Back injuries were down by 8.1%.



Plus



The overall picture for Australia also shows improvement. Comparing 2003 to 1997, The National Data Set for Compensation –Based Statistics (NDS) reveals that;

- There has been an 18% reduction in the number of workers compensation claims in Australia that resulted in an absence for work of one week or more.

But.....*here is the bad news!*

Figures from the Australian Safety and Compensation Council show that;

- One person in every 20 will be injured in the workplace in the next 12 months.
- OHS incidents cost the Australian economy at least \$34.4 billion a year (this is equal to 5% of the value of everything produced in Australia).



So we do need to continue doing those actions that have proven to be successful in reducing deaths and injuries in our workplaces.

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