

Health and Safety risks in the Manufacturing Sector



The manufacturing sector in the UK is substantial, with **2.6 million** people directly employed, which equates to **8.2% of the labour force**, and it covers many industries.

Types of industries included:



DID YOU KNOW....?



An average of **22** deaths per year in last 5 years



An average of **3,100** major injuries in last 5 years



33,000 cases of illness resulting from a health and safety failure

Source: www.hse.gov.uk

How does the sector affect our health?

Manufacturing has the second highest sickness rate out of all sectors. It has an estimated **79,000** work-related ill health cases annually, of which:



Musculoskeletal



Stress, depression and anxiety

Source: LFS

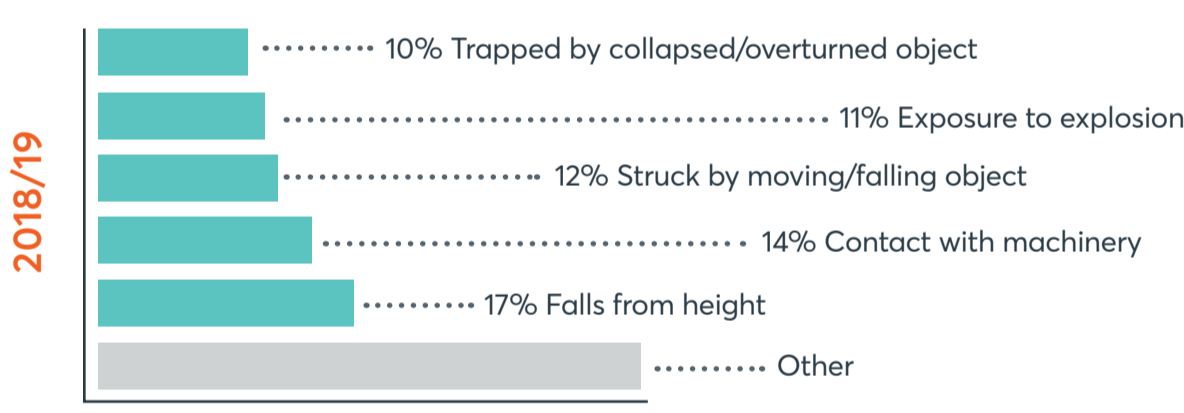
Main causes of deaths and injuries

There are a number of health and safety risks that can cause deaths and injuries.



Fatal injuries

There were **26 deaths** in 2018/19 the main causes were:

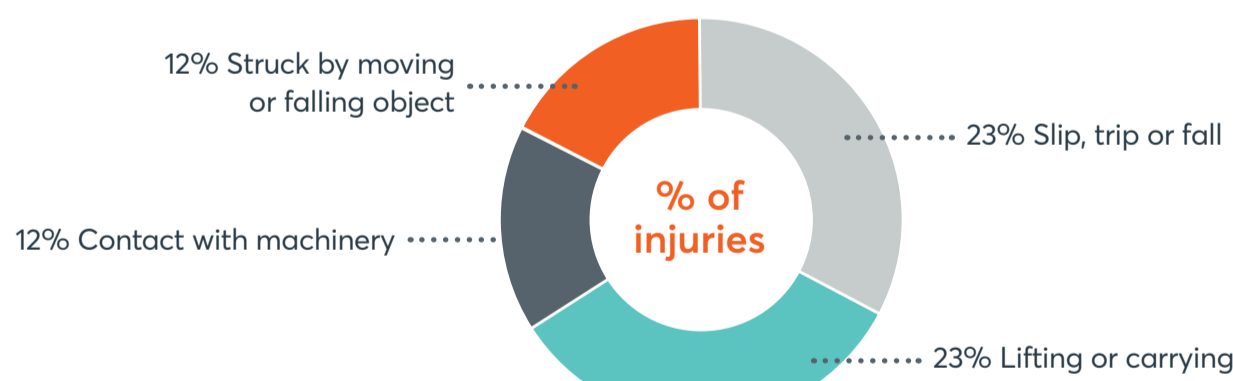


Source: RIDDOR



Non-fatal injuries

There are **61,000** workers injured at work each year. 1/3 of these resulted in more than 7 days' absence. The main causes were:



Source: LFS

Other hazards and risks found in the workplace



What happens if you don't address the risks?

Injuries and illnesses can have a number of costly effects:

- ❗ Sickness absence
- ❗ Recruitment and training expenses
- ❗ Compensation claims
- ❗ Fines
- ❗ Negative impact on company reputation



Whichever industry you work in within the manufacturing sector, you have a moral and legal responsibility to identify and address workplace hazards and risks. **Prevention is key!**

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