Research Findings

Injury Prevention for the Services Sector

Prioritizing industries for occupational injury prevention and research in the Services Sector in Washington State, 2002-2010

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Key Findings

- The 7 common injury types that accounted for 84% of compensable claims in the Services Sector during the study period were: Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WMSDs); Fall to Lower Level; Fall on Same Level; Struck By/Against; Caught In/Under/Between; Motor Vehicle; and Overexertion.

- WMSDs accounted for approximately 41% of compensable claims in the Services Sector.

- Services to Buildings and Dwellings ranked highest for falls.

- The 5 industry groups that were highly ranked across all injury types, indicating that they warrant priority focus in injury prevention efforts, were:
  1. Services to Buildings and Dwellings
  2. Executive, Legislative, and Other General Government Support
  3. Waste Collection
  4. Employment Services
  5. Automotive Repair & Maintenance

Impact

Ranking industries by PI overall and by specific injury types is an effective way to prioritize and guide prevention efforts, inform policy, and set research agendas that reflect the particular needs of workers within the Services Sector.

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