

Australia's National OHS Strategy 2002-2012

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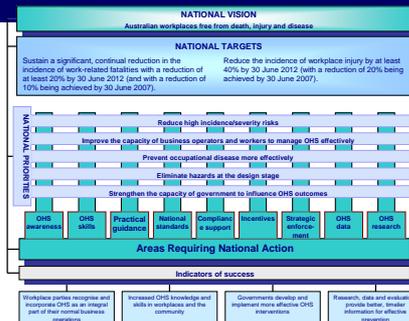
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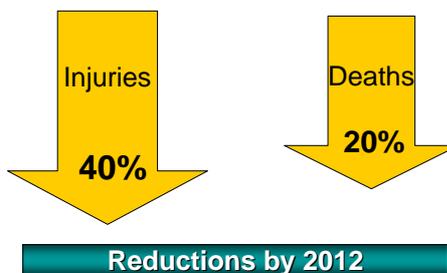
Five National Priorities

1. Reduce high incidence/severity of risks
2. Improve the capacity of business operators and workers to manage OHS effectively
3. Prevent occupational disease more effectively
4. Eliminate hazards at the design stage
5. Strengthen the capacity of government to influence OHS outcomes

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Minimum National Targets



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Priority Industries

Four industries with poor OHS records

- Transport
- **Building and Construction**
- Manufacturing
- Health and Community Services

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Australia — Some Statistics

- Workforce: 10 million
- Construction Workforce: 718,200
 - 5% of Australian workforce
- Work-related fatalities: 42 (2002/03)
 - 15 workers aged 15-24 killed in the last 3 years
- Work-related injuries: 12,600

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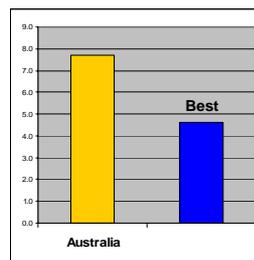
Australia — Some Statistics

- Poor OHS in construction costs: \$34.3 billion
 - Australian Workers compensation premiums: \$7.5 billion
 - Construction sector premiums: \$733 million
 - 9% Workers' Compensation Claims
 - 9 fatalities per 100 000 employees
 - Australian average is 3 per 100 000 employees
 - Construction injury costs: \$3,600 million

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Construction Fatalities— International Performance



Australian construction ranks 7th in the world

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OHS Performance In The Construction Industry 2002- 03

Compensated fatalities

- Construction industry – 4.7
 - All industries – 1.8
- Frequency rate per 100 million hours worked

Compensation claims

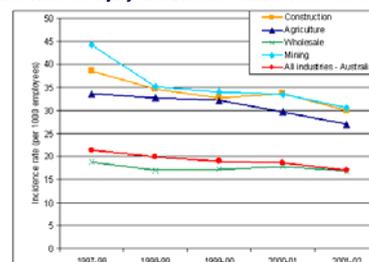
- Construction industry – 27.0
 - All industries – 16.0
- Incidence rate per 1,000 employees

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How Construction Compares

Incidence Rate for Injury and Disease Claims 1997– 98 to 2001– 02

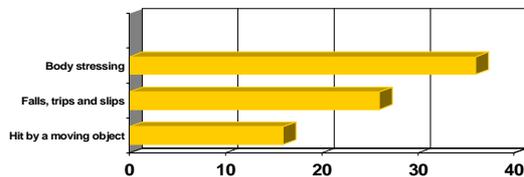


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OHS Performance In The Construction Industry 2002- 03

Mechanisms of Injury and Disease %



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OHS Performance In The Construction Industry 2002- 03

Nature of compensated injury & disease

- Sprains and strains – 43%
- Open wounds – 12%
- Fractures – 12%
- Contusions – 7%

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NOHSC Initiatives

- **New Standard and Codes of Practice for Construction**
 - Induction Training
 - Prevention of Falls From Height
- **Review of Standards and Codes**
 - Manual Handling
 - Plant
 - Certification: Operators Of High Risk Plant
 - Noise



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NOHSC Initiatives

- **Hazardous Substances Framework**
 - Asbestos Codes and Guidance
 - Material Safety Data Sheet Code
 - Exposure Standard



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NOHSC Initiatives

- **Improving Safety in the Building and Construction Industry Conference**
 - Australian Council of Building Design
 - Barclay Mowlem (BMCL)
 - Bovis Lend Lease
 - Baulderstone Hornibrook
 - Multiplex
 - MIRVAC
 - The Royal Australian Institute of Architects

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NOHSC Initiatives – Safe Design

- **Safe Design Principles**
 - 'Life Cycle' Approach To OHS In Building And Construction Projects
 - Building Code of Australia (BCA)
 - Design Professionals
 - Persons in Control
 - Systematic Risk Control
 - Design and Procurement
 - Contract Coordination and Selection
 - Culture of Communication

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