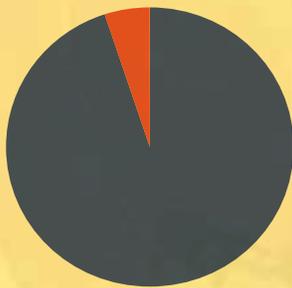




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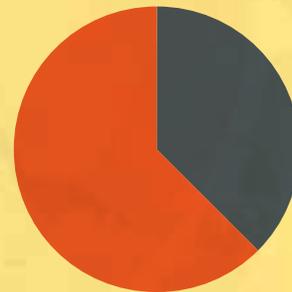
BEYOND WSIB STATISTICS Work Related Injuries, Illness and Death in Ontario 2003-2012

2003-2012 Worker Deaths
Total Estimate: 60,000²



■ WSIB Allowed Worker Death Claims—3,212¹

2003-2012 Worker Injuries and Illnesses
Total Estimate: 3,857,000³



■ WSIB Allowed Injury/Illness Claims—2,314,093¹

¹ 2012 WSIB Statistical Report—allowed claims for the 10 year period 2003-2012 (Schedule 1 and 2)

² Dr. Annalee Yassi estimated almost 6,000 work-related deaths from cancer, cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases annually in Ontario (source—*Occupational Disease and Worker Compensation in Ontario*, Report prepared in 1983 for Paul C. Weiler in his study of Workers' Compensation of Ontario; pg. 17). The estimated worker deaths in the chart above multiplies Dr. Yassi's estimate over the ten year period from 2003-2012.

Note: Many researchers believe between eight and 16 per cent of all cancer deaths are work-related. Based on these percentages and estimates provided by the Canadian Cancer Society between 2,216 and 4,432 Ontarians were killed in 2013 from work-related cancer. Of course these statistics don't include the thousands more who die from diseases of the respiratory system, circulatory system, liver, kidneys and other organs and systems of the body.

³ Here in Canada, a 2002 study entitled, *How many injured workers do not file claims for Workers' Compensation Benefits*, found 40 per cent of workers injured at work did not submit a claim. The estimated worker injuries/illnesses in the chart above add this 40 percent to the total reported by the WSIB in their 2012 WSIB Statistical Report.

Note: Even the WSIB recognizes the significance of injury/illness underreporting. In a 2013 publication entitled *Workplace Injury Claim Suppression: Final Report* prepared for the WSIB, they report "based on the research literature, 20 percent is a plausible estimate of the proportion of likely compensable, work related injuries or illness for which workers do not submit claims." Many others believe the statistics to be even higher. According to a 2008 U.S. government report entitled *Hidden Tragedy: Underreporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses*, as much as 69 per cent of occupational injuries and illnesses are not reported or recorded.