

Off-the-Job Injury: Pick Six

Odds of dying from an off-the-job injury versus one incurred in the workplace

9 to 1 (Source: National Safety Council)

8: Each year more than eight million US workers are seriously hurt or killed by injuries sustained off the job.

17: Of 17,700 fatal falls in the US during 2005, 17,000 of those occurred off the job.

20: In Canada, injuries incurred off the job that result in absenteeism from work outnumber workplace injuries resulting in absenteeism by a ratio of 20 to 1. (Source: Canada Safety Council)

40: Forty percent of all unintentional injury deaths in Americans ages 20 and older involve motor vehicle events.

47: Narcotics and other drugs including heroin and cocaine constituted 47 percent of all poisoning deaths across the US in 2003.

50: More than half of all choking deaths occur in the home. (Source: National Safety Council for all US statistics).