

Punctures and Cuts Stats and Facts

FACTS

1. The most common causes for puncture wounds include:
 - stepping on a sharp object, such as a nail
 - getting bitten
 - falling onto something sharp
2. The following are typical hazards and possible causes of cuts and lacerations in the workplace:
 - Improper training
 - Lack of established safety procedures
 - Employees rushing or taking shortcuts
 - Failure to wear proper hand protection
 - Missing or improperly adjusted guarding equipment

STATS

- 44 % of workplace hand injuries fall into Cuts, Lacerations, and Punctures, accounting for over 60,000 injuries in 2018 alone.
- Approximately 30 % of all workplace injuries involve cuts, and about 70 % of those injuries are to the hands or fingers.
- There were 420,870 of these cases requiring days away from work to recuperate.
- Workers aged 16 to 19 report the largest proportion of cuts and punctures.