## Six Facts on Workplace Accidents and Injuries

Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, megamillions jackpot)

Lifetime odds of dying from an unintentional injury: 1 in 32 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying)

- 1. Two percent (170,000) of women in the Canadian workforce suffer an on-the-job injury in a typical year, compared to five percent (460,000) of the male workforce there.
- 2. The three occupations with the overall greatest number of injuries and illnesses are laborer/material mover, heavy equipment/tractor-trailer driver and nursing aide/ orderly/attendant.
- 3. In the US, the four occupations with the most work-related fatalities are fishing, logging, aircraft piloting/flight engineering and structural iron and steel work.
- 4. Six percent fewer fatal work injuries were reported in the US in 2007 than in 2006 (5,488 versus 5,840).
- 5. Workplace homicides across the US were up 13 percent in 2007 versus 2006.
- 6. Strains and sprains, most often involving the back, account for about 43 percent of the injuries and illnesses in private industry that require recuperation away from work.