

Work-related health data

THE REVISED ESTIMATE FOR WORK-RELATED HEALTH DEATHS IS

750-9000



Of all estimated 750 deaths



Are caused by cancers

APPROXIMATELY

250 DEATHS
(approximately 35% of all deaths)

Lung cancer

Asbestos related lung cancer accounts for about half of these deaths. Other important causes are silica dust and diesel engine exhaust.

APPROXIMATELY

90 DEATHS
(approximately 10% of all deaths)

Mesothelioma

Asbestos related cancer of the lining of the lungs and other organs.

APPROXIMATELY

25 DEATHS
(approximately 3% of all deaths)

Breast cancer

(from exposure to shift work)

Main causes of non-cancer deaths

APPROXIMATELY

200 DEATHS
(approximately 30% of all deaths)

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

(from exposure to vapours, dust, gases and fumes).

APPROXIMATELY

80 DEATHS
(approximately 10% of all deaths)

Ischaemic heart disease

(mostly from exposure to low job control and second hand smoke).

APPROXIMATELY

30 DEATHS
(approximately 4% of all deaths)

Asbestosis

THE REVISED ESTIMATE FOR WORK-RELATED HEALTH HOSPITALISATIONS IS 5000-6000

One third caused by cancer

Two thirds non-cancer

APPROXIMATELY

20%

Non-melanoma skin cancer

APPROXIMATELY

10%

Lung cancer

APPROXIMATELY

30%

Respiratory COPD

APPROXIMATELY

15%

Ischaemic heart disease

APPROXIMATELY

5%

Asthma

APPROXIMATELY

5%

Depressive episode

APPROXIMATELY

2%

Anxiety disorders

All percentages and break downs are of the lower estimates: 750 deaths; and 5000 hospitalisations.