

Workplace Fatalities in the UK 2023/2024 Summary

Summary Report by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

The HSE has released a summary report detailing the statistics of work-related accidents for the period 2023/2024. Key findings are as follows:

Fatalities

Total Fatalities: 138 workers were killed in work-related accidents.

Construction Sector: 51 of these fatalities occurred within the construction sector.

Most Common Causes of Fatal Injury

Falls From Height

50 deaths occurred due to falls from height, a 35% increase from the previous year's 37 deaths.

2. Being Struck by a Moving Vehicle

3. Being Struck by a Moving Object

Age-Related Statistics

Older Workers:

Workers aged 60 and above accounted for 34% of those killed.

Increased Risk with Age:

Workers aged 60-64 have a fatal injury rate twice that of the all-ages range.

Workers aged 65 and over have a fatal injury rate four times higher than the all-ages range.

Gender Statistics

Male Workers:

95% of all fatal injuries at work in 2023/2024 involved male workers.

Members of the Public

Public Fatalities:

87 members of the public were involved in work-related accidents, an increase from 73 cases in 2022/2023.

Ruth Wilkinson (IOSH) Comments:

Rise in Construction Fatalities: "There has been a rise in fatalities in construction, meaning the number of deaths in that industry is significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels. There has also been a rise in the total number of workplace fatalities so it's clear that lessons aren't being learned and that much more still needs to be done to protect workers."

Call for Action: "This is a huge concern, and we need to see action taken to tackle this.. The new government must seek to protect and enhance health and safety standards, particularly across high-risk industries like construction. And businesses need to step up and ensure they have robust occupational health and safety management systems and control strategies in place to prevent accidents at work and reduce the chance of them happening."