Health & Safety in the workplace

Recent figures/trends



In 2013/14
2 million
people
suffered a
workplace
illness

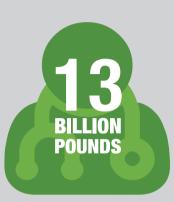


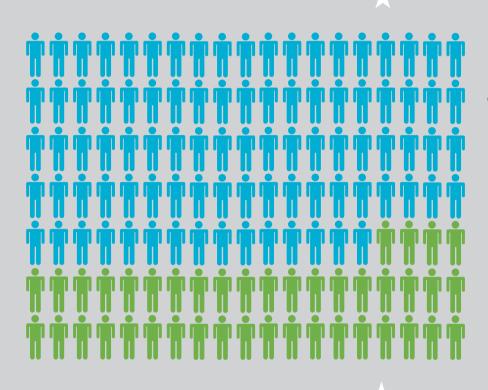
23½ million working days lost

Cost to Britain because of workplace illness



Emerging costs for those with cancer





Out of 133 workers killed in 2013-14 42 Were construction related

List of typical Hazards



Chemicals & carcinogens
Fibres: asbestos, others
Fumes, gases: welding,
metal cutting & grinding,
plastics, PVC
Radiation: ionising, U.V.
Dust: stone, cement,
brick, concrete, silica,
wood, organic dusts
Noise & Vibration



You are at risk if the amount that you breathe in over a working shift contains more dust than the diagram below (penny to scale)

These cause diseases and cancers

Managing the risks



- **Assess the health risks**
- **Variable 1** Look again at Safety Risk Assessments
- Take account of health issues and demography: Age, sex, weight, pre-existing health problems, pregnancy, return to work, language
- **Take health & safety advice**



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