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The Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA) reported 39 fatalities at work between 2007 and 2014.

Fatalities at Work: 2007-2014

Information presented in this news release provides an overview of fatalities at work between 2007 and 2014. As illustrated in Table 1, all fatalities at work that took place in the past eight years involved males, mostly between the age of 35 and 54 (Table 2).

The majority of fatal accidents at work were recorded in the Northern Harbour District followed by the South Eastern and Northern districts (Table 3). Fatal accidents involving full-time employees accounted for over two-thirds of all work fatalities occurring in 2007-2014 (Table 5).

Enterprises engaging 1 to 9 employees, together with the self-employed-without-employees category, were the most affected by fatalities at work. Larger companies (250+) registered the lowest number of fatal accidents (Table 6).

Nearly half of such deaths were caused by head injuries. Other causes included injuries to the torso and organs (Table 7). Half of work-related deaths in 2007-2014 involved construction workers. Other victims had elementary occupations or were engaged in crafts and related trades ■

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Table 1. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and sex of victim

Sex	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Males	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39
Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 2. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and age group of victim

Age group	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
15-24	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	4
25-34	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	6
35-44	2	1	3	-	-	4	-	1	11
45-54	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	7
55+	1	1	3	1	-	2	3	-	11
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 3. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and district

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Southern Harbour	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Northern Harbour	3	2	3	-	-	1	-	1	10
South Eastern	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	2	9
Western	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	-	6
Northern	1	-	-	3	-	1	3	1	9
Gozo and Comino	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Note: 'District' in this table refers to the district where the fatal accident occurred.

Table 4. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and nationality of victim

Nationality	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Maltese	5	2	9	4	1	5	4	2	32
EU non-Maltese	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Non-EU non-Maltese	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	6
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 5. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and employment status of victim

Employment status	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Self-employed	1	-	2	1	1	5	2	1	13
Full-time employees	6	3	7	3	-	2	2	3	26
Part-time employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 6. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and size of enterprise involved

Size of enterprise	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Self-employed without employees	1	-	2	1	-	3	2	1	10
1-9 employees	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	10
10-49 employees	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	7
50-249 employees	3	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	8
250-499 employees	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
500 employees and more	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not Specified	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 7. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and part of body injured

Part of body injured	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Not Specified	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Head	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	17
Neck including spine and vertebra in the neck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Back including spine and vertebra in the back	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Torso and Organs	-	-	2	2	-	1	2	1	8
Upper Extremities	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	7
Lower Extremities	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whole body and Multiple Sites	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	5
Other body parts injured, not mentioned above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7	3	9	4	1	7	4	4	39

Table 8. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and type of injury

Type of injury	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Not Specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wounds and Superficial Injuries	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bone Fractures	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dislocations, Sprains and Strains	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Traumatic Amputations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Concussions and Injuries	4	3	5	4	1	3	3	4	27
Burns, Scalds and Frostbite	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Poisoning and Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drowning and Asphyxiation	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Effects of Sound and Vision	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Effects of Temperature Extremes, Light and Radiation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shock	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Multiple Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Specified Injuries not included under above headings	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3
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Table 9. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and economic activity of enterprise

Economic activity of enterprise	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Construction	4	1	4	3	-	6	1	1	20
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	1	1	2	-	1	-	2	2	9
Information and communication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial and insurance activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real estate activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional, scientific, technical administration and support service activities	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Table 10. Number of fatal accidents at work by year and occupation of victim

Occupation	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Armed Forces	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Managers	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
Professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technicians and Professionals	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Clerical Support Workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service and Sales Workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	3
Craft and Related Trades Workers	2	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	9
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	4
Elementary Occupations	5	3	4	-	-	2	-	4	18
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Methodological Notes

1. The source of the data on fatal accidents at work is the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA).
2. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>
Classifications: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/classificationdetails.aspx?id=LAU>