

Occupational Safety and Health Performance

The Government is committed to improving safety and health at work and will continue to take all possible measures to achieve this policy objective.

2. Through the joint and coordinated efforts made by all parties concerned, including the Government, employers, contractors, safety professionals and employees, Hong Kong's safety performance at work has continued to show improvement in the past three years.

3. The number of industrial accidents for all sectors in 2002 stood at 22 453, a drop of 33.3% compared with 33 652 in 2000. The construction industry recorded the most remarkable improvement. The number of industrial accidents in the industry decreased from 11 925 in 2000 to 6 239 in 2002, a drop of 47.7%, while the accident rate per 1 000 employees also declined from 149.8 in 2000 to 85.2 in 2002, a drop of 43.1%.

4. Despite the improvements made, we will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to protect the safety and health of employees at work, and to safeguard those who may be exposed to safety and health hazards arising from work-related activities. We will continue to adopt a four-pronged strategy, embracing legislation, enforcement, promotion and education in ensuring occupational safety and health in the workplace.

5. Statistics on industrial accidents for all sectors, as well as industrial accidents in the construction industry, in the years 2000 to 2002, are given in the tables below:-

Industrial Accidents (for all sectors)

	2000	2001 (compared with 2000)	2002 (compared with 2001)
No. of Fatal Cases	43	34 (-20.9%)	25 (-26.5%)
No. of Non-fatal Industrial Accidents	33 609	28 484 (-15.2%)	22 428 (-21.3%)
Total	33 652	28 518 (-15.3%)	22 453 (-21.3%)
Accident Rate per 1 000 Employees	51.7	44.6 (-13.7%)	37.4 (-16.1%)

Industrial Accidents in the Construction Industry

	2000	2001 (compared with 2000)	2002 (compared with 2001)
No. of Fatal Cases	29	28 (-3.4%)	24 (-14.3%)
No. of Non-fatal Industrial Accidents	11 896	9 178 (-22.8%)	6 215 (-32.3%)
Total	11 925	9 206 (-22.8%)	6 239 (-32.2%)
Accident Rate per 1 000 Employees	149.8	114.6 (-23.5%)	85.2 (-25.7%)

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