

Workplace Safety Index 2020: Manufacturing

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	Cost billions	Percent total	
1.	\$1.65	20.3%	Overexertion involving outside sources (Handling objects)
2.	\$1.16	14.2%	Falls on same level
3.	\$1.02	12.5%	Struck by object or equipment (Being hit by objects)
4.	\$0.76	9.4%	Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects (Running equipment or machines)
5.	\$0.59	7.2%	Other exertions or bodily reactions (Awkward postures)

The top five injury causes account for over \$5.18 billion in costs and represent 63.6 percent of total workers compensation direct costs for non-fatal claims with more than five days away from work in the manufacturing industry.

Understanding top risks in the workplace is the first step to protecting your business. Did you know: Liberty Mutual SafetyNet™ has sophisticated technical resources to help prevent overexertion, falls, and many other manufacturing-related exposures.

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Scientific methodology: The 2020 Liberty Mutual Workplace Safety Indices are based on 2017 data from Liberty Mutual, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and the National Academy of Social Insurance. BLS non-fatal injury data are analyzed to determine which events caused employees to miss more than five days of work, and then rank those events by total workers compensation costs.

Note: Overexertion is the top concern for manufacturing, due oftentimes to lifting activities that lead to sprains and strains of the back or shoulder. Manufacturing is also concerned with hand or finger injuries due to being caught in equipment.

For more information, contact your local service director or the Risk Control Consulting Center.

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