

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

**OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES, ILLNESSES
AND FATALITIES IN MICHIGAN**

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INTRODUCTION

The information that follows is presented in response to Section 317 of Public Act 167 of 2005. This section requires that the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), provide an annual report by February 1 of each year "...to the appropriate house and senate appropriations subcommittees and the fiscal agencies on the number of individuals injured on the job within industries related to MIOSHA during the preceding calendar year."

“PROGRAM-RELATED” FATALITIES

The agency records “program-related” fatalities. In general, this means that the incident related to the fatality may have resulted from a hazard or hazards that occurred based upon a failure to adhere to one or more Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) requirements. There were 37 such fatalities in Michigan during calendar year 2005. (See following table for data and definitions.)

WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

A complete census of occupational illnesses and injuries for Michigan does not exist. However, the agency cooperates with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to sample Michigan’s employers to produce annual estimates of the number of occurrences of work-related illness and injuries. The 2005 survey collected the 2004 illness and injury occurrences of 7,400 Michigan employers. The employer sample was stratified by industry and the results were used to project total occurrence estimates. The six page table that follows the fatality data presents the results. Footnotes at the end of the table provide additional information about the methodology used. The sample excludes self-employed individuals, railroads, selected mining industries and the federal government.

INQUIRIES

Questions about these data may be directed to the Management Information Systems Section, MTSD, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) (517) 322-1850.

**MIOSHA Program-Related Fatalities
Calendar Year 2005**

General Industry Safety and Health	20
<u>Construction Safety and Health</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL	37

Note: Data current as of 01/04/06.

Source: Management Information Systems Section, MTSD, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth

NOTE: A fatality is recorded as “program-related” if the deceased party was employed in an occupation included in MIOSHA jurisdiction as defined in Public Act 154 of 1974, as amended, and the fatality appears to be related to one or more of the following conditions:

1. The incident was found to have resulted from violations of MIOSHA safety and health standards or the general duty clause.
2. The incident was considered to be the result of a failure to follow a good safety and health practice that would be the subject of a safety and health recommendation.
3. The information describing the incident is insufficient to make a clear distinction between a “program-related” and “non-program-related” incident, but the type and nature of the injury indicates that there is a high probability that the injury was the result of a failure to adhere to one or more MIOSHA standards, the general duty clause, or good safety and health practice.