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The Guernsey Health and Safety Executive Team have recently forwarded details of accidents, injuries and illnesses reported to them during 2006.

The incidents which must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive team are detailed in the Health and Safety Ordinance and are explained in the booklet Reporting an Injury, Disease or Dangerous Occurrence available free of charge from the Guernsey HSE (see also www.hse.guernsey.gg/reportingaccident.html).

Reportable incidents are serious in nature and the consequences can be significant both in terms of interruption to a business and damage to its reputation. They can also have significant personal consequences for the individual involved and their family, work colleagues and friends.

Whilst it is pleasing to note that the total number of reported incidents fell in 2006, the total number still exceeds 400 and more than half arose from poor manual handling, a topic covered in one of our 2006 talks.

Life is full of risk, much of which cannot be removed, but many accidents and other incidents could easily be avoided. There is plenty of guidance information available from GOSHA, the Health and Safety Executive team in Guernsey, various Guernsey based consultants and the UK Health and Safety Executive to assist in reducing the total number of incidents. Have a look at our website for links and let's all play our part to keep the number of incidents right down in 2007.

The figures given remain provisional pending further advice from the Guernsey HSE Team.

Here are the statistics:

Injuries by nature of trade, business or undertaking - standard industrial classification

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
0 Agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture and fishing	14	16	22	11	15
1 Energy and water supply industries	22	20	22	10	8
2 Extraction of minerals, manufacture of metals, mineral products and chemicals	9	12	15	4	13
3 Metal goods and engineering industries	15	13	25	18	19
4 Other manufacturing industries	17	21	22	16	21
5 Construction	96	104	110	75	86

6	Wholesale and retail distribution, hotels and catering repairs (vehicles and consumer goods)	119	85	106	106	94
7	Transport and communication	43	48	49	31	36
8	Banking, finance, insurance, business (and other services and States administration)	27	23	17	16	12
9	Other services and States Administration	115	151	139	124	116
10	Miscellaneous	2	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	479	493	527	411	420

Agent (s) Involved

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Machinery / equipment for lifting and conveying	31	23	25	23	23
Portable power or hand tools	35	29	37	39	38
Any vehicle or associated equipment / machinery	38	35	50	25	28
Other machinery	16	18	17	14	13
Process plant, pipework or bulk storage	10	7	3	3	2
Any material, substance or product being handled used or stored	121	118	142	94	91
Gas, vapor, dust, fume or oxygen deficient atmosphere	2	5	5	1	3
Pathogen or infected material	0	0	0	0	0
Live animal	1	0	5	1	2
Moveable container or package of any kind	51	56	60	59	62
Floor, ground, stairs or any working surface	81	71	85	70	74
Building, engineering structure or excavation / underground working	11	17	6	3	6
Ladder or scaffolding	21	26	22	20	25
Construction formwork, shuttering and falsework	3	5	2	4	3
Electricity supply cable, wiring apparatus or equipment	5	7	3	2	3
Entertainment or sporting facilities or equipment	0	2	2	0	0
Any other agent	45	68	60	45	47
Unspecified	8	6	3	8	0
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Injuries by kind of accident

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Contact with moving machinery or material being machined	14	12	15	11	13
Struck by moving, including flying or falling object	29	21	22	28	17
Struck by moving vehicle	9	9	2	7	8
Struck against something fixed or stationary	19	15	26	17	11
Injured whilst handling, lifting or carrying	219	260	281	195	231
Slip, trip or fall on same level	91	73	86	70	56
Fall from height	33	37	32	32	30
Trapped by something collapsing or overturning	2	3	0	1	3
Drowning or asphyxiation	0	0	0	0	0
Exposure to, or contact with, harmful substance	5	4	8	2	9
Exposure to fire	1	3	0	4	1
Exposure to an explosion	0	0	1	1	1
Contact with electricity or an electrical discharge	7	4	1	4	2
Injured by an animal	1	0	1	1	0
Other kind of accident	40	47	49	35	36
Unspecified	9	5	3	3	2
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Dangerous Occurrences / Occupational Diseases

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of dangerous occurrences	10	9	8	11	9
Number of occupational diseases	0	0	0	0	5
Specified Major Injury	24	27	24	10	14

Fatalities

Total number of fatal injuries	0	0	0	0	0
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