

2022

Direct costs for the wholesale industry:

Total for non-fatal workers compensation claims with more than five days away from work.

Cost in billions	\$1.27	\$0.66	\$0.46	\$0.38	\$0.38
Percent total	30.5%	15.8%	11.1%	9.1%	9.1%

Workplace Safety Index: Wholesale

Annual report from Risk Control Services

The U.S. wholesale industry loses nearly \$4.17 billion a year to serious, nonfatal workplace injuries.

The top five causes

	Cost in billions	Percent total	
1.	\$1.27	30.5%	 Overexertion involving outside sources (handling object)
2.	\$0.66	15.8%	 Falls on same level
3.	\$0.46	11.1%	 Other exertions or bodily reactions (awkward postures)
4.	\$0.38	9.1%	 Falls to lower level
5.	\$0.38	9.1%	 Struck by object or equipment (being hit by objects)

Are these injuries just the cost of doing business?

Risk is often a part of doing business, but understanding the risk and having controls in place can help protect your workers and your bottom line.

Although not a comprehensive list, here are a few questions.

Ask yourself

- Are tasks designed and workers trained to prevent multiple touches of the same product?
- Do we utilize non-slip flooring surfaces?
- Are tasks designed and workers trained to avoid excessive bending?

The experienced specialists of Risk Control Services understand the complexity of the wholesale industry – and the risks involved.

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Scientific methodology: the annual Liberty Mutual Workplace Safety Index is based on information from Liberty Mutual Insurance, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI). BLS non-fatal injury data are analyzed with the Liberty Mutual data to determine which events caused employees to miss more than five days of work, and then to rank those events by workers compensation costs, which are then scaled to the NASI total cost. To capture accurate injury cost data, each index is based on data three years prior. Accordingly, the 2022 index reflects 2019 data.

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