Six Facts on Accidents and Injuries



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot)
Odds of dying from an off-the-job injury versus one incurred in the workplace 9 to 1 (Source: National Safety Council)

1. Each year more than eight million US workers are seriously hurt or killed by injuries sustained off the job.
2. Of 17,700 fatal falls in the US during 2005, 17,000 of those occurred off the job.
3. In Canada, injuries incurred off the job that result in absenteeism from work outnumber workplace injuries resulting in absenteeism by a ratio of 20 to 1. (Source: Canada Safety Council)
4. Forty percent of all unintentional injury deaths in Americans ages 20 and older involve motor vehicle events.
5. Narcotics and other drugs including heroin and cocaine constituted 47 percent of all poisoning deaths across the US in 2003.
6. More than half of all choking deaths occur in the home. (Source: National Safety Council for all US statistics).

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