

A Review of Recordable Incidents FY10-11

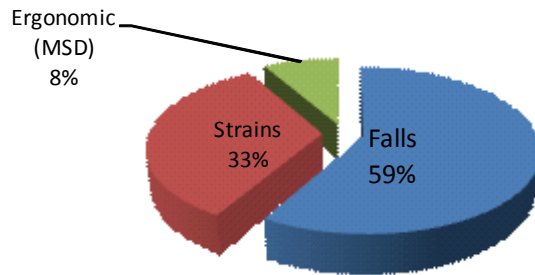
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About Recordables

Under 29 CFR Subpart C, "Recordkeeping Forms and Recording Criteria," an injury must be recorded if it is work-related and meets one or more of the general recording criteria (such as resulting in medical treatment beyond first aid). The following is an analysis of the raw data provided by the Office of Risk Management for Texas Tech. Not all incidents occurring in FY10-11 were recordable.

Types of Incidents for Amarillo FY10-11

(# of Recordable Incidents = 12)



Amarillo Recordables

Almost 60% of the incidents are slips, trips and falls (STFs). Slipping on a wet floors or tripping on stairs. Snow & ice on stairs also caused an incident. STFs accounted for over \$5,500 of medical costs & 41 days away from work. Strains were from lifting & carrying materials. One incident was from moving a patient. The ergonomic incident was a clinic employee that was required to go from room to room and use a pull down desk at chest level. This was done 24-30 hours/week and caused severe pain in arms & shoulders. An ergonomic assessment was completed & accommodations were made for this employee.

El Paso Recordables

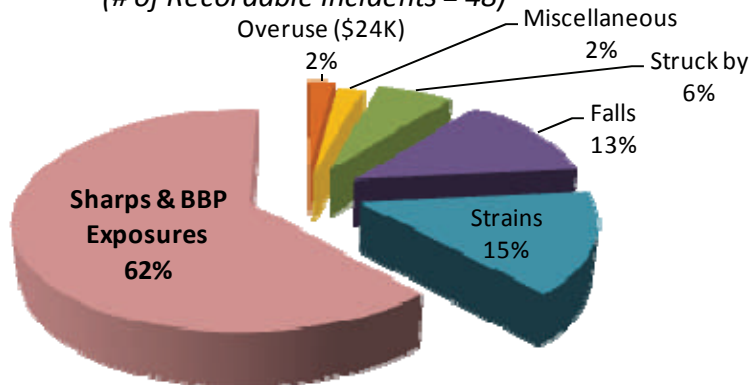
Since El Paso collects data BBP Exposures, those continue to be the area of concern as this accounts for almost 3/4 of the incidents. There were 4 incidents of sprays to the face & in eyes. And 2 incidents of recapping of needles.

There were several injuries from tripping over mats and strains caused when performing non-routine tasks such as moving furniture and lifting boxes.

There was one incident where a department was short-staffed & the employee had to work extended hours. The resulting surgery cost over \$24K.

Types of Incidents for El Paso FY10-11

(# of Recordable Incidents = 48)



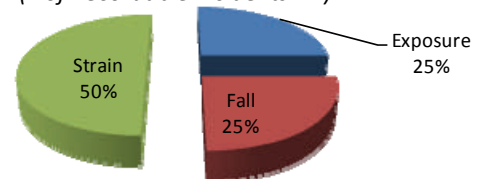
Midland/Odessa Recordables

No incidents for Abilene this past year, so kudo's to the folks in Abilene. WIC Admin had 3 of the 4 incidents and there was 1 incident of inhalation of chemical vapors.

One of the strain incidents was of interest. According to the paperwork, the employee was "told" to move an exam table back into position. The injury cost over \$3,600 and 4 lost days.

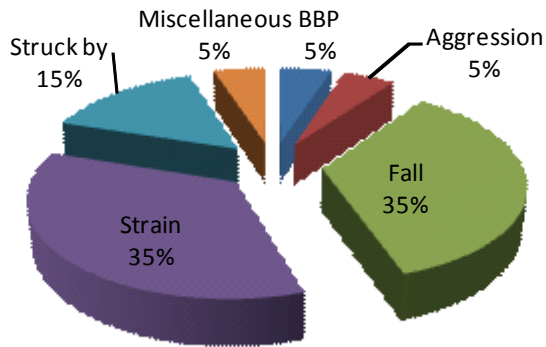
Types of Incidents for Midland/Odessa

(# of Recordable Incidents = 4)



Types of Incidents for MHC FY10-11

(# of Recordable Incidents = 19)



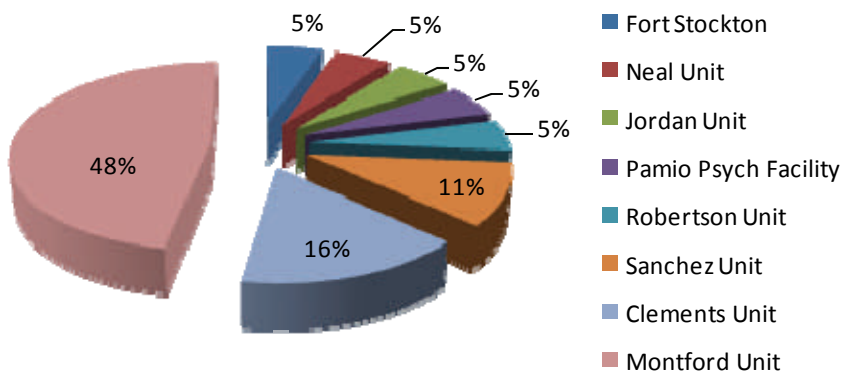
Managed Health Care (MHC) Recordables

48% of the incidents are from the Montford unit.

Slips and falls on wet floors and back strains from lifting account for over 70% of the incidents for all MHC.

Aggression from patients continues to be an area where additional training is needed.

Where the Incidents Occured for MHC FY10-11



Lubbock Recordables

Although down from the previous year, falls continue to be an area of concern for Lubbock. Falling down stairs, and falling as a result of uneven pavement had over \$1K in medical costs.

Strain injuries were lifting and over-reaching types of injuries, as well as an ergonomic injury.

In analyzing the “struck” by incidents the persons may have been in hurry and not paying attention.

Miscellaneous incidents were severe, there was a burn from handling of gas cylinder, and an auto accident.

Not accounted for in this graph are the 75 BBP exposure incidents. Residents accounted for 60% of these exposures.

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Types of Incidents for Lubbock FY10-11

(# of Recordable Incidents = 14)

