

Health and Safety - Accident Statistics 2012/13

Purpose of the Report

This report provides an overview of the number of accidents that have occurred within the Council for the period 1 October – 31 December 2012.

Background

The Health & Safety Officer provides advice and training on health and safety matters across the Council. This Officer is also responsible for producing management information on the number of accidents. These are collated on a regular basis and are reported to the joint Health & Safety Committee. This Committee reviews the accidents and makes recommendations or learning that needs to be implemented.

Accident Statistics

The Council's accident statistics are broken down into reportable and non- reportable accidents.

Reportable accidents are those covered by RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations, 1995). These accidents have to be reported to the Health and Safety Executive and include:

- Where a member of staff has been required to stay in hospital for 24 hours after an accident;
- Where a member of the public was taken to hospital for treatment after the accident;
- If the accident results in the member of staff being off work for 3 days after the date of the accident,

The table overleaf shows the number of accidents that have occurred during the current quarter (1 October to 31 December 2012) by reportable accident type and category and the year to date.

The table also provides comparative details of the number of accidents for the previous year (2011/12)

Table: Accident Cause Statistics – (for the current quarter 1 October to 31 December 2012) and Year to Date: Comparative Accident Cause Statistics for the previous year (2011/12)

Accident cause	Current Quarter (1 Oct - 31 Dec 2012)			Current Year (2012/13) To date		Previous Year (2011/12) Actual	
	Non Reportable	Reportable	Total	Non Reportable	Reportable	Non Reportable	Reportable
Manual handling	1	-	1	3	1	4	3
Contact Fixed Objects (e.g. sharps)	1	-	1	6	1	11	-
Struck by Moving Vehicles RTA's	2	-	2	3	-	-	1
Struck by Moving Objects - others	1	-	1	4	-	1	1
Slips / Trips / Falls	4	-	4	8	-	4	3
Violence - Physical such as dog bites	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Violence - Verbal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Near Miss	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Other, such as cuts.	1	-	1	3	-	11	2
Total	12	0	12	29	2	34	10
Members of the Public	0	0	0	8	1	10	3
Employees	12	0	12	21	1	24	7
Actual Number of Employees (Not FTE's)	280			280		280	
Number of Employees Trained in Safety Awareness	200			600		800	
Lost time for all reportable accidents (days)	0			13		N/a	

Source: SDDC Accident Statistics

During the current quarter there were twelve non-reportable or minor accidents, which were all incurred by employees. All have resulted in existing risk assessments being reviewed and control measures being reinforced.

The table also shows that 200 out of 280 employees were trained in safety awareness.

To date there have been 29 non reportable accidents, compared to 34 non reportable accidents during 2011/12. These reportable accidents equate to 13 days in 'lost time'. No comparable lost time data is available for 2011/12