

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 July – 30 September 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 RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations, 1995) and Non RIDDOR accidents. Non RIDDOR accidents do not have to be reported to the Health & Safety Executive, but nevertheless were accidents at work.

RIDDOR accidents are those:

- 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 July to 30 September 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: Number and type of accidents by category for the current quarter (1 July to 30 September 2012): Number of accidents to date for the financial year (2012/13): Total number of accidents for the previous year (2011/12)

Accident category	Current Quarter (1 July - 30 Sep 2012)			Current Year (2012/13) To date		Previous Year (2011/12) Actual	
	Non RIDDOR	RIDDOR	Total	Non RIDDOR	RIDDOR	Non RIDDOR	RIDDOR
Struck by object inc. sharps)	1	-	1	5	-	11	-
Manual handling	-	1	1	1	2	4	3
Slip, trip or fall	1	-	1	2	-	4	3
Contact with vehicle	-	-	-	1	-		1
Contact with machinery	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Minor injury (as a result of a play scheme activity)	3	1	4	8	1	11	2
Other	1	-	1	3	1	3	-
Total	6	2	8	21	3	34	10

Member of Public	3	1	4	12	1	3	10
Employee	3	1	4	9	2	7	24

During the current quarter there were six non-RIDDOR minor accidents. Three of these accidents occurred at the depot, which resulted in existing risk assessments being reviewed and control measures being reinforced. The other three minor accidents involved children on summer play schemes.

During this period, there were two RIDDOR accidents. The first accident involved an employee hurting his back, when helping a colleague pull a large heavy refuse bin. The accident became a reportable incident because the person was away from work for over seven consecutive days. The second accident involved a child who had split her lip on a play scheme activity and was taken to hospital. (Note: being taken to hospital constitutes a RIDDOR reportable accident.)

In summary, there were eight accidents during this current period, compared to 17 accidents in the previous quarter (1 April – 30 June 2012).

During the current year to date, there have been 24 accidents, (21 RIDDOR and 3 non-RIDDOR accidents) involving 13 members of the public and 11 employees. In 2011/12 there were a total of 44 accidents.

Background Papers

Accident Statistics – Health & Safety file