

GLOSSARY OF TERMS – CAUSE OF INJURY

The following description codes were developed by NCCI, National Council on Compensation Insurance, and are the industry standard terms used in the U.S. to categorize the cause of workers' compensation injuries.

ABSORPTION – Injuries resulting from the absorption, ingestion, or inhalation of chemical, pollen, bacteria, etc.

BURN/COLD – Injuries resulting from a burn or cold burn caused by temperature extremes, abnormal air pressure, electrical current, gases, fumes, or vapors.

BURN/SCALD – Injuries resulting from a burn or scald caused by fire or flame, acid chemical, hot objects or substances, radiation, steam or hot fluids, or welding.

CAUGHT IN/BETWEEN – Injuries resulting from employee being caught in or between machinery, object being handles (by themselves or others), or other objects like equipment, building, furniture, etc.

CUT/PUNCTURE/SCRAPE – Injuries resulting from cuts, punctures, or scraped from broken glass, object being lifted or handles, hand tool or power tool.

FALL/SLIP – Injuries resulting from slip, trip or falls on stairs, ice or snow, liquid or grease spills, from ladder or scaffolding, into an opening, from a different level, on the same level, or slip but did not fall.

FOREIGN BODY IN EYE – Injuries resulting from material coming in contact with eye, i.e. dust, particles, small materials, etc.

MENTAL STRESS/PSYCHE – Injuries resulting in mental stress or psychological distress.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Injuries resulting from motor vehicle accident.

RUBBED/ABRADED BY – Injuries resulting from a rub or abrasion from another object or a repetitive motion.

STRAIN BY LIFTING – Strain injuries resulting from lifting an object.

STRAIN BY MISCELLANEOUS – Strain injuries resulting from holding or carrying an object, jumping, pushing or pulling and object, reaching, twisting, continual noise, using a tool or machinery, wielding or throwing and object.

STRIKING AGAINST – Injuries resulting from striking against moving parts of a machine, a stationary object, objects being lifted, sanding, scraping or cleaning, or stepping on a sharp object.

STRUCK/INJURED BY – Injuries caused by an animal or insect, falling or flying object, a fellow worker, hand tool or machine, motor vehicle, explosion of machine, or an object handled by others.