

Work-related injury deaths decline in Colorado in 2012

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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released preliminary data from the 2012 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. According to the preliminary figures, there were 80 work-related injury fatalities in 2012, which is 12 fewer than in 2011.

Top three causes of work-related fatalities:

—Transportation-related deaths continued to be the leading cause of work-related deaths in Colorado, with 32 deaths accounting for 40 percent of the state's 80 occupational fatalities during 2012. Of these 32 deaths, 20 were roadway incidents that involved motorized land vehicles, and seven were pedestrians involved with a motor vehicle.

—There were 15 deaths from violence in 2012. Of these, six were self-inflicted, intentional injuries.

—There were 15 deaths caused by falls, slips and trips.

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