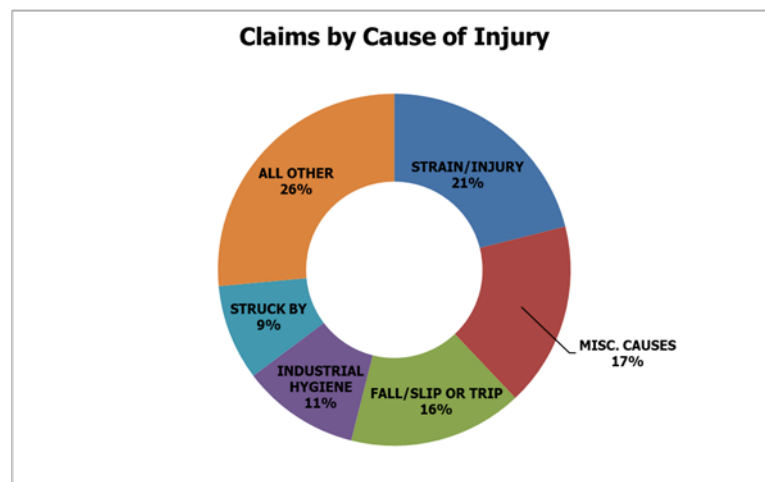




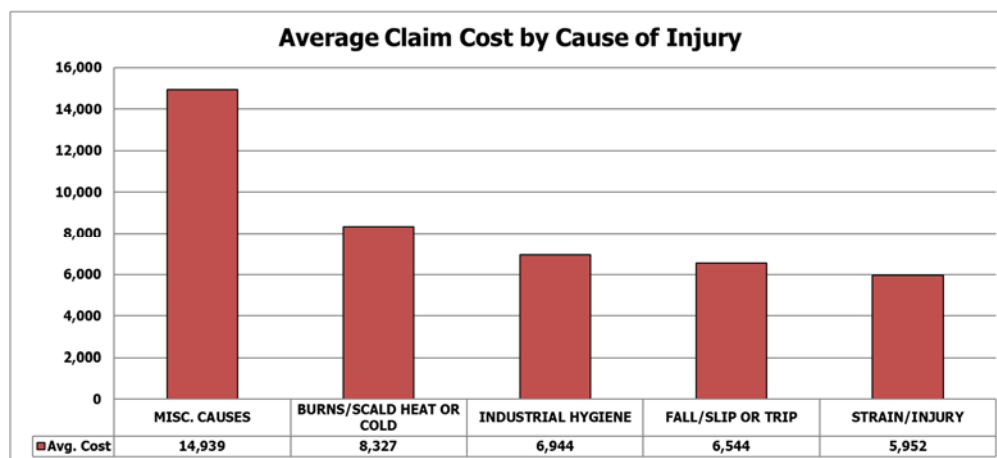
Common Industry Hazards Emergency Service Organization

Loss Analysis:

The most common causes of injury among Emergency Service Organization safety group members for the past five years were strain, miscellaneous causes, fall/slip or trip, industrial hygiene and struck by objects.



During this time, the causes of injury with the highest average claim cost were miscellaneous causes, burns, industrial hygiene, fall/slip or trip and strain.



Common Industry Hazards:

A list of activities or situations that contributed to the safety group's injuries is provided below in order to raise awareness of common hazards within the industry. After reviewing this list, download the **Common Control Strategies** document from the TexasMutual.com Safety Resource Center to learn how to protect your employees from these hazards.

Strain:

- Moving and carrying victims, hoses, ladders and heavy equipment.
- Stooping, bending, climbing, and working in awkward positions
- Poor posture when sitting or standing for extended periods of time
- Ascending and descending ladders

Miscellaneous Causes:

- Failure to wear proper personal protective equipment
- Not wearing necessary eye protection
- Participating in live training exercises
- Working in hot environment

Fall/Slip or Trip:

- Riding on tailboards
- Slippery, icy, oily, wet areas and uneven surfaces
- Egress on stairways and fire truck equipment
- Trip over hoses. Poor housekeeping in the fire station
- Falls from improper use of ladders or step stools
- Falls from building structures

Industrial Hygiene:

- Work in smoke filled environments
- Exposure to blood and body fluids while treating patients
- Exposure to chemicals at fire scene
- Exposure to disease and infections while treating patients

Burns/Scald Heat or Cold:

- Fighting grass fire and was caught up in fire
- Fighting fire and became overheated and dehydrated
- Putting out fire and received electric shock
- Trip and fell onto hot burning wood
- Burned when part of building fell on firefighter
- Burned left arm during training



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