

Table18 Occupational Disease Data by Exposure Group and Age Group; 1983-2007

Exposure group	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 15-24	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 25-34	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 35-44	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 45-54	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 55-64	Number of claims 1983-2007 age 65+	Number of claims 1983-2007 total
Cleaning agents	871	903	841	646	262	14	3,537
Medicines	99	383	411	216	62	1	1,173
Rubber gloves	77	125	103	109	41	2	457
Smoke	94	220	220	122	38	1	695
Asbestos	3	4	24	127	370	483	1,012
Other chemical, mineral	2,674	3,861	3,135	1,998	853	67	12,589
Infectious agents	602	1,049	1,117	922	359	10	4,059
Air pressure	82	141	41	8	2	0	275
Atmospheric, environ heat	95	134	90	55	24	0	399
Sun	14	9	8	9	3	1	44
Stress causing events	723	1,357	1,800	1,230	383	16	5,509
Cold, vibration	2	26	69	74	64	3	238
Cardiovascular events	1	10	59	117	99	8	294
Voice overuse	14	10	17	14	5	0	62
Syringe: laceration	66	129	138	72	33	1	439
Repetitive motion	8,084	15,033	14,772	9,466	3,110	79	50,543
Noise	28	122	623	2,273	5,014	5,169	13,229
Other physical	2,794	4,892	3,618	2,017	753	98	14,173
Other and unknown	263	428	424	289	132	12	1,548
Total	16,597	28,854	27,530	19,766	11,588	5,940	110,275

- (1) The 'number of claims' is the count of claims accepted for short term disability (STD) benefits, long term disability (LTD) benefits or survivor benefits in the period. Claims with only health care benefits are not included in the count.
- (2) The count statistics have been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. The adjusted statistics are rounded and shown as whole numbers. These whole numbers will not necessarily add up to the row and column totals shown because the totals are rounded independently.
- (3) Age for the purpose of this report is the age when the disease claim was reported to WorkSafeBC.