

Table 8 Occupational Disease Data by Type of Disease and Age Group; 1983-2007

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| Reaction to hiv treatment | 94 | 359 | 388 | 205 | 57 | 1 | 1,105 |
| Needlestick injury - see note | 66 | 129 | 137 | 72 | 33 | 1 | 437 |
| Allergic reaction | 70 | 163 | 118 | 79 | 34 | 2 | 466 |
| Cancer: asbestos | 0 | 0 | 14 | 63 | 193 | 298 | 567 |
| Cancer: other | 0 | 2 | 12 | 33 | 45 | 30 | 122 |
| Chemical burns | 2,655 | 3,449 | 2,464 | 1,442 | 564 | 32 | 10,607 |
| Conjunctivitis | 65 | 144 | 135 | 98 | 36 | 1 | 478 |
| Dermatitis | 1,281 | 1,398 | 1,105 | 838 | 394 | 19 | 5,036 |
| Hearing loss | 146 | 420 | 826 | 2,357 | 5,032 | 5,167 | 13,948 |
| Infected blister | 76 | 61 | 42 | 26 | 11 | 2 | 219 |
| Hepatitis | 17 | 36 | 28 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 107 |
| Norwalk | 44 | 170 | 317 | 394 | 192 | 4 | 1,121 |
| Sars - including quarantine | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Other infectious disease | 305 | 496 | 424 | 258 | 81 | 2 | 1,566 |
| Bursitis: repetitive motion | 780 | 2,349 | 3,975 | 2,797 | 780 | 19 | 10,702 |
| Tendinitis: repetitive motion | 6,433 | 10,092 | 7,795 | 4,724 | 1,725 | 41 | 30,809 |
| Carpal tunnel syndrome | 855 | 2,532 | 2,941 | 1,899 | 589 | 18 | 8,833 |
| Asbestosis | 0 | 0 | 8 | 63 | 175 | 186 | 432 |
| Silicosis | 0 | 1 | 7 | 21 | 70 | 50 | 150 |
| Other pneumoconiosis | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Scleroderma | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| Poisoning | 698 | 1,040 | 870 | 571 | 196 | 8 | 3,382 |
| Arc flash and related | 1,099 | 2,282 | 1,647 | 732 | 155 | 5 | 5,920 |
| Other radiation effect | 19 | 35 | 24 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 96 |
| Raynaud's phenomenon | 2 | 26 | 69 | 74 | 64 | 3 | 238 |
| Cedar dust asthma | 38 | 141 | 132 | 102 | 59 | 1 | 473 |
| Other asthma | 71 | 175 | 280 | 231 | 99 | 7 | 864 |
| Bronchitis and related | 1 | 15 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 55 |
| Other respiratory irritation | 537 | 1,236 | 1,302 | 869 | 343 | 23 | 4,310 |
| Stress | 723 | 1,357 | 1,800 | 1,230 | 383 | 16 | 5,509 |

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| Cold | 237 | 203 | 147 | 117 | 51 | 4 | 759 |
| Heat | 81 | 113 | 82 | 50 | 24 | 0 | 351 |
| Cardiovascular | 1 | 10 | 59 | 117 | 99 | 8 | 294 |
| Voice disturbance | 19 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 9 | 0 | 110 |
| Other occupational disease | 173 | 381 | 318 | 218 | 89 | 6 | 1,186 |
| 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.