

**Table 17 Occupational disease data by exposure group and gender; 1984-2008**

Exposure group	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims
	1984-2008 males	1984-2008 females	1984-2008 total
Cleaning agents	1,511	2,035	3,546
Medicines	453	791	1,244
Rubber gloves	136	322	458
Smoke	565	145	710
Asbestos	1,029	28	1,057
Other chemical, mineral	9,541	2,982	12,523
Infectious agents	1,524	2,928	4,452
Air pressure	248	20	268
Atmospheric, environ heat	318	82	400
Sun	26	21	47
Stress causing events	2,889	2,930	5,819
Cold, vibration	227	8	235
Cardiovascular events	273	9	282
Voice overuse	13	48	61
Syringe: laceration	165	299	464
Repetitive motion	29,555	20,985	50,540
Noise	13,139	144	13,283
Other physical	11,548	1,802	13,350
Other & unknown	1,054	510	1,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,215</b>	<b>36,087</b>	<b>110,302</b>

(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.