

Table 18 Occupational disease data by exposure group and age group; 1984-2008

Exposure group	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims	Number of claims
	1984-2008 age 15-24	1984-2008 age 25-34	1984-2008 age 35-44	1984-2008 age 45-54	1984-2008 age 55-64	1984-2008 age 65+	1984-2008 total
Cleaning agents	849	895	853	665	272	12	3,546
Medicines	103	417	425	229	67	2	1,244
Rubber gloves	76	125	105	109	41	2	458
Smoke	96	221	221	130	42	1	710
Asbestos	3	4	21	127	376	525	1,057
Other chemical, mineral	2,629	3,805	3,144	2,014	861	70	12,523
Infectious agents	620	1,128	1,208	1,061	425	10	4,452
Air pressure	80	137	39	9	2	0	268
Atmospheric, environ heat	92	135	90	57	24	0	400
Sun	15	9	8	11	3	1	47
Stress causing events	761	1,433	1,876	1,307	421	20	5,819
Cold, vibration	2	25	67	74	64	3	235
Cardiovascular events	1	10	56	115	92	8	282
Voice overuse	14	9	17	14	5	0	61
Syringe: laceration	71	135	146	78	33	1	464
Repetitive motion	7,956	14,797	14,837	9,703	3,161	86	50,540
Noise	29	119	632	2,240	5,022	5,241	13,283
Other physical	2,611	4,563	3,448	1,924	710	93	13,350
Other & unknown	258	416	425	308	141	16	1,564
Total	16,277	28,401	27,640	20,178	11,741	6,065	110,302

(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.