

PABIAC MEETING 17th July 2007 CORRUGATED SECTOR SUMMARY

Accident Statistics 2006/7

The RIDDOR Accident rate (Fatal, Major & over 3 day) for the year was 1232 per 100,000 employees. This is a 7.5% reduction on the prior year but still requires a significant effort to achieve the 2008 target of 1000.

Machine accidents accounted for 40% of all the reported accidents and, therefore, remain the greatest concern and focus for future action. The theme for the CPI Biennial conference is machinery and safe interventions and, in addition to the conference, work continues on producing materials handling guidance. The Corrugated Sector Council considered the seriousness of this situation at its last meeting (June) and has directed the Sector Health and Safety Committee to review the position and recommend a suitable additional initiative to address our concerns, for inclusion in the Sector Action Plan.

The accident statistics that are currently collected do not identify accidents by machine category so we have analysed the information from the last period when this level of detail was collected. This shows the following pattern:

Machinery Accidents 1991 - 6

	Total	%
	536	
Corrugator	52	9.70%
Printer Slotter	26	4.85%
Die Presses	44	8.21%
Printer/Folder/Gluer	68	12.69%
Other M/C *	114	21.27%
Maintenance M/C	9	1.68%
Mechanical Handling	105	19.59%
Powered Trucks	102	19.03%
Hand Trucks	16	2.99%

* Other Machines include:

Balers, gluers, shredders, slitters/slotters, stackers, stitchers and strappers

The key themes that emerge from this analysis focus on machine intervention, cleaning, clearing jams, setting etc., which suggest that more analysis is not the issue. We need to concentrate on persuading members to implement the tools and guidance that are already available to them.

The Guidance **The Safe Purchase and Installation of Machinery, Plant & Equipment** has now been completed, it is being publicised to members by a newsletter and will be available to download from the CPI web site. The guidance is designed to help reduce accidents associated with new machinery by adopting an inclusive project managed approach to the process.

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