

## Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

# Construction – High Rise

These are the most common injuries to workers in the high rise construction industry based on accepted workers' compensation claims.

\* The construction industry covers demolition and site preparation services, building construction, construction services (e.g. landscaping), road and bridge construction, water supply and drainage services, electrical and plumbing.

### Eye

Being hit in the eye by flying metal fragments

9%

### Neck

Joint and muscle sprains and strains from unloading trucks and lorries

3%

6%

### Shoulder

Joint and muscle sprains and strains from handling materials (other than picking up and carrying)

### Wrist

Lacerations and open wounds due to contact with power tools

4%

18%

### Back

Trauma to muscles from lifting, putting down and carrying metal materials

### Hand, fingers, thumbs

Lacerations and open wounds from cutting oneself with knives or power tools

19%

7%

### Knee

Joint and ligament trauma from falls on uneven ground surfaces

### Ankle

Joint and ligament trauma from falls on uneven ground surfaces

5%

5%

### Lower Leg

Hitting stationary metal materials

4%

### Foot and Toes

Lacerations and open wounds from stepping on objects

Source: Queensland Employee Injury Database. Data current as at October 2008 and is subject to change over time. Based on eight years of accepted workers' compensation claims, excluding commuting claims.