



Workers Compensation Insurance Organizations
Injury Description Codes
Nature of Injury

Code	Narrative Description
I. Specific Injury	*
01. No Physical Injury	i.e., Glasses, contact lenses, artificial appliance, replacement of artificial appliance
02. Amputation	Cut off extremity, digit, protruding part of body, usually by surgery, i.e. leg, arm
03. Angina Pectoris	Chest pain
04. Burn	(Heat) Burns or scald. The effect of contact with hot substances. (Chemical) burns. tissue damage resulting from the corrosive action chemicals, fume, etc., (acids, alkalies)
07. Concussion	Brain, cerebral
10. Contusion	Bruise - intact skin surface hematoma
13. Crushing	To grind, pound or break into small bits
16. Dislocation	Pinched nerve, slipped/ruptured disc, herniated disc, sciatica, complete tear, HNP subluxtion, MD dislocation
19. Electric Shock	Electrocution
22. Enucleation	Removal of organ or tumor
25. Foreign Body	*
28. Fracture	Breaking of a bone or cartilage
30. Freezing	Frostbite and other effects of exposure to low temperature
31. Hearing Loss or Impairment	Traumatic only. A separate injury, not the sequelae of another injury
32. Heat Prostration	Heat stroke, sun stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and other effects of environmental heat. does not include sunburn
34. Hernia	The abnormal protrusion of an organ or part through the containing wall of its cavity
36. Infection	The invasion of a host by organisms such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, mold, protozoa or insects, with or without manifest disease.
37. Inflammation	The reaction of tissue to injury characterized clinically by heat, swelling, redness and pain

*Description intentionally left blank.

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40. Laceration	Cut, scratches, abrasions, superficial wounds, calluses. wound by tearing
41. Myocardial Infarction	Heart attack, heart conditions, hypertension. The inadequate blood flow to the muscular tissue of the heart.
42. Poisoning - General (Not OD or Cumulative Injury)	A systemic morbid condition resulting from the inhalation, ingestion, or skin absorption of a toxic substance affecting the metabolic system, the nervous system, the circulatory system, the digestive system, the respiratory system, the excretory system, the musculoskeletal system, etc. includes chemical or drug poisoning, metal poisoning, organic diseases, and venomous reptile and insect bites. does not include effects of radiation, pneumoconiosis, corrosive effects of chemicals; skin surface irritations, septicemia or infected wounds.
43. Puncture	A hole made by the piercing of a pointed instrument
46. Rupture	*
47. Severance	To separate, divide or take off
49. Sprain or Tear	Internal derangement, a trauma or wrenching of a joint, producing pain and disability depending upon degree of injury to ligaments.
52. Strain or Tear	Internal derangement, the trauma to the muscle or the musculotendinous unit from violent contraction or excessive forcible stretch.
53. Syncope	Swooning, fainting, passing out, no other injury
54. Asphyxiation	Strangulation, drowning
55. Vascular	Cerebrovascular and other conditions of circulatory systems, NOC, excludes heart and hemorrhoids. Includes: strokes, varicose veins - non toxic
58. Vision Loss	*
59. All Other Specific Injuries, NOC	*



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II. Occupational Disease or Cumulative Injury	*
60. Dust Disease, NOC	All other pneumoconiosis
61. Asbestosis	Lung disease, a form of pneumoconiosis, resulting from protracted inhalation of asbestos particles.
62. Black Lung	The chronic lung disease or pneumoconiosis found in coal miners
63. Byssinosis	Pneumoconiosis of cotton, flax and hemp workers
64. Silicosis	Pneumoconiosis resulting from inhalation of silica (quartz) dust.
65. Respiratory Disorders	Gases, fumes, chemicals, etc.
66. Poisoning - Chemical, (Other Than Metals)	Man made or organic
67. Poisoning - Metal	Man made
68. Dermatitis	Rash, skin or tissue inflammation including boils, etc., generally resulting from direct contact with irritants or sensitizing chemicals such as drugs, oils, biologic agents, plants, woods or metals which may be in the form of solids, pastes, liquids or vapors and which may be contacted in the pure state or in compounds or in combination with other materials. do not include skin tissue damage resulting from corrosive action of chemicals, burns from contact with hot substances, effects of exposure to radiation, effects of exposure to low temperatures or inflammation or irritation resulting from friction or impact
69. Mental Disorder	A clinically significant behavioral or psychological syndrome or pattern typically associated with either a distressing symptom or impairment of function. i.e., acute anxiety, neurosis, stress, non-toxic depression
70. Radiation	All forms of damage to tissue, bones or body fluids produced by exposure to radiation
71. All Other Occupational Disease Injury, NOC	*



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72. Loss of Hearing	*
73. Contagious Disease	*
74. Cancer	*
75. AIDS	*
76. VDT - Related Diseases	Video display terminal diseases other than carpal tunnel syndrome
77. Mental Stress	*
78. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	Soreness, tenderness and weakness of the muscles of the thumb caused by pressure on the median nerve at the point at which it goes through the carpal tunnel of the wrist
79. Hepatitis C	*
80. All Other Cumulative Injury, NOC	*
III. Multiple Injuries	*
90. Multiple Physical Injuries Only	*
91. Multiple Injuries Including Both Physical and Psychological	*