

Injuries to Migrant Labourers at DMRC Site

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Abstract

Introduction: Construction sector is a booming industry and involves many hazardous activities. Migrant labor in the industry is susceptible to various health and occupational hazards. A “migrant worker” is a person who either migrates within their home country or outside it to pursue work. Usually, migrant workers do not have the intention to stay permanently in the country or region in which there are many different risks that construction workers face on the job. The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has identified the top causes of injuries on a construction site, which include Falling from heights – A worker may fall from a building, scaffolding or piece of machinery to the ground below. Workers can also fall into holes or ditches on a construction site.

Results: In present study there were 64.00% males and 36% females. Majority of study subjects were in the age group of 18 to 29 years i.e. 49%. About 46% were single. In our study only 67.14% were aware about occupational hazards.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this study indicates that the causes of occupational accidents and injuries of migrant workers in the construction industry in DMRC include the lack of awareness and experience among workers, the deficiency of machines and equipment provided at the worksites, the lack of the proper personal protective equipment, the lack of training and the absence of qualified occupational safety supervisors.