

More than 2,000 workers were injured on the job in 2016, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The most common injury was sprains and strains, followed by cuts, lacerations and bruising. Falls were the leading cause of injury, accounting for 30 percent of all nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses.

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- **Elimination/Substitution:** This is the most effective way to reduce risk. It involves removing the hazard or replacing it with something less hazardous.
- **Engineering Controls:** These are physical changes to the workplace that reduce the risk of injury. Examples include machine guards and safety interlocks.
- **Administrative Controls:** These are changes to the way work is done that reduce the risk of injury. Examples include safety training and job rotation.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** This is the last line of defense against injury. It includes hard hats, safety glasses, gloves and safety shoes.

Workplace safety is a shared responsibility. Employers, workers and safety professionals all have a role to play in creating a safer work environment.

