

The Financial Activities category has the lowest injury and illness rates of all the industrial sectors (1.0 cases per 100 full-time-equivalent workers) and the injuries that do occur have a different pattern than in other industries.

About 600 cases involving one or more days away from work occurred in both 2008 and 2009; the survey estimates from both years were combined to examine the injured worker and injury characteristics. Here are some interesting findings you can use to impress your banker.



- Only 31 percent of the injured workers were younger than 45 years, compared with 55 percent of all private-sector injured workers.
- Forty-five percent of the injuries were due to falls, more than double the 21 percent among all injuries to private-sector workers.
- Nineteen percent of the injuries were due to overexertion, much less than the 34 percent among all injuries to private-sector workers.
- Fourteen percent of the injuries were due to repetitive motion, much more than the 3 percent among all injuries to private-sector workers.
- Consistent with the high proportion of falls, 37 percent of the injuries involved multiple traumas or bruises and contusions, compared with only 12 percent among all private-sector workers.



Kris Eiden

Kris Eiden named deputy commissioner; Gary Hall returns as assistant commissioner

Kris Eiden is the Department of Labor and Industry's new deputy commissioner. She is an attorney who has worked in both the private and public sectors.

Eiden served as chief deputy attorney general in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office from 2003 to 2007, and deputy attorney general for four years prior to that. She was an attorney in private practice from 1991 to 1998, primarily representing regulated businesses. Most recently, Eiden taught paralegal students at a local business college.



Gary Hall

Gary Hall is the new assistant commissioner for the department's Safety and Workers' Compensation Division. He was also the agency's assistant commissioner for workers' compensation in 2001.

Prior to that, Hall served as a workers' compensation judge at the Department of Labor and Industry and at the Office of Administrative Hearings since 1991. He also worked at DLI from 1984 to 1991, as an attorney and workers' compensation specialist.