

2.4.1 Event or Exposure—Definition, Rules of Selection

4.0 DEFINITION

The event or exposure describes the manner in which the injury or illness was produced or inflicted by the source of injury or illness.

RULES OF SELECTION:

- 4.1 When the injury or illness occurred as a result of contact with or exposure to an object or substance, select the event or exposure which best describes the manner in which that contact or exposure occurred.
- 4.1.1 The event categories are listed in order of precedence, such that the categories are ordered as follows:
- Violence and other injuries by persons or animals
 - Transportation incidents
 - Fires and explosions
 - Falls, slips, trips
 - Exposure to harmful substances or environments
 - Contact with objects or equipment
 - Overexertion and bodily reaction
 - Nonclassifiable
- When two or more of these events occurred, select the first event listed above.
- 4.1.2 In general, when two or more events occurred within the same subcategory, select the first event listed in the code sequence.
- 4.2 Injuries involving the normal worksite tasks and actions of the injured worker and co-workers are considered accidental by default unless information to the contrary is provided.

*-Asterisks denote a summary level code not assigned to individual cases.