



ACIFC Accident Survey Report 2013/14

The Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) is committed to reducing accident incidence rates within the construction industry in partnership with the National Specialist Contractors' Council (NSCC).

In order to measure progress, ACIFC collects information from its contractor members every year on accidents occurring to their workforces. The following report summarises the results of the ACIFC Accident Survey for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

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ACIFC Members

All 10 ACIFC contractor members, in membership at the time of this survey, provided their accident figures which is a 100% response rate for a seventh consecutive year (see appendix A).

This is an excellent result which continues to provide a benchmark for ACIFC to measure improvements in the safety record of its members compared with non-members.

In 2013/14, ACIFC members employed **473** operatives, **379 (80%)** of which were direct employees and **94 (20%)** of which were labour only sub-contractors.

Accidents

ACIFC contractor members were asked to provide the following accident information in relation to the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR):

- Fatal injuries
- Specified/major injuries¹
- Injuries resulting in more than 7 days absence from normal activities (over 7-day injuries)
- Dangerous Occurrences
- Work-Related Diseases

Collated reportable accidents occurring to ACIFC members in 2013/14

	Fatal Injuries	Specified/Major Injuries ²	Over 7-Day Injuries
Employees	0	0	1
Self-employed	0	0	0
Members of the public	0	0	N/A

ACIFC members recorded no Dangerous Occurrences or Work-Related Diseases.

Accident Incidence Rates

In order to compare its figures from 2013/14 with those from last year (see appendix B), ACIFC has calculated accident incidence rates as follows:

$$\frac{\text{No. of reported accidents} \times 100,000}{\text{Total no. of operatives}}$$

In addition, ACIFC has compared its accident rates with those of the industry and other specialist trades represented by NSCC. However, caution should be exercised when considering the results as it is believed that the accident figures for the industry as compiled by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are under-reported by approximately 40% and those for ACIFC are merely projected for comparison purposes (see appendix C).

Rate of Fatal Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry ³
No. of fatal injuries	0	1	42
Fatal injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	0	0.7	2.0

¹ The reporting requirements for RIDDOR were changed part way through the year with major injuries required to be reported until 31 September 2013 and specified injuries required to be reported from 1 October 2013.

² HSE combined the figures for specified and major injuries and ACIFC has done the same in order to compare results.

³ HSE figures refer to direct employees only.

Rate of Specified/Major Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry ⁴
No. of major/specified injuries	0	210	1,900
Major/specified injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	0	155	150.1

Rate of Over 7-Day Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry ⁵
No. of over 7-day injuries	1	304	3,293
Over 7-day injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	211.4	225.3	260.1

Types of Accidents

The breakdown of the types of accidents occurring to ACIFC members in 2013/14 is shown in the table below. For comparison to previous years, please see appendix D.

Breakdown of types of reportable accidents occurring to ACIFC members in 2013/14

	Specified/ Major	%	Over 7-Day	%
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	0	0%	1	100%
Total	0		1	

The Construction Industry Profile

5% of employees in Britain are engaged in construction occupations. Construction accounts for 7% of all reported injuries to employees in the workplace but 31% of deaths and 10% of specified/major injuries.

In 2013/14, 45% of fatalities in the construction sector were the result of a fall from height compared with 21% across all industries. Falls also made up 31% of the specified/major injuries in construction compared with 15% across all industries. Slips and trips were responsible for 27% of all construction specified/major injuries.

Handling injuries accounted for 30% of all over 7-day injuries in construction which is similar to the figure across all industries (29%). 21% of over 7-day injuries in construction were the result of a slip or trip compared with 24% across all industries.

Conclusion

ACIFC recorded **no fatal injuries** for the seventh consecutive year since it began collecting accident information in 2007/08. ACIFC also recorded **no specified/major** injuries this year for the first time since 2009/10.

ACIFC members reported one over 7-day injury giving an incidence rate of **211.4 per 100,000** workers. This incidence rate is 19% lower than the wider industry (260.1), 6% lower than the specialist sector (225.3) and 62% lower than ACIFC's result last year (552.5), which shows that ACIFC members have made significant progress in reducing over 7-day injury rates.

The sole accident reported by ACIFC members was the result of handling, lifting or carrying and members should refer to the relevant HSE guidance to minimise injuries from that type of hazard:

- [Manual Handling at Work](#)
- [Manual Handling - What You Need to Know as a Busy Builder](#)

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Next Year's Survey

ACIFC contractor members will be able to submit their accident statistics for 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015 via the ACIFC website at www.acifc.org from 1 April 2015.

By submitting their accident statistics each year, ACIFC members can help ACIFC and NSCC to demonstrate to clients that using an INCA Member is the safer option, lobby government and the HSE to improve the business environment in which Specialist Contractors operate, and secure competitive insurance rates for the specialist sector.

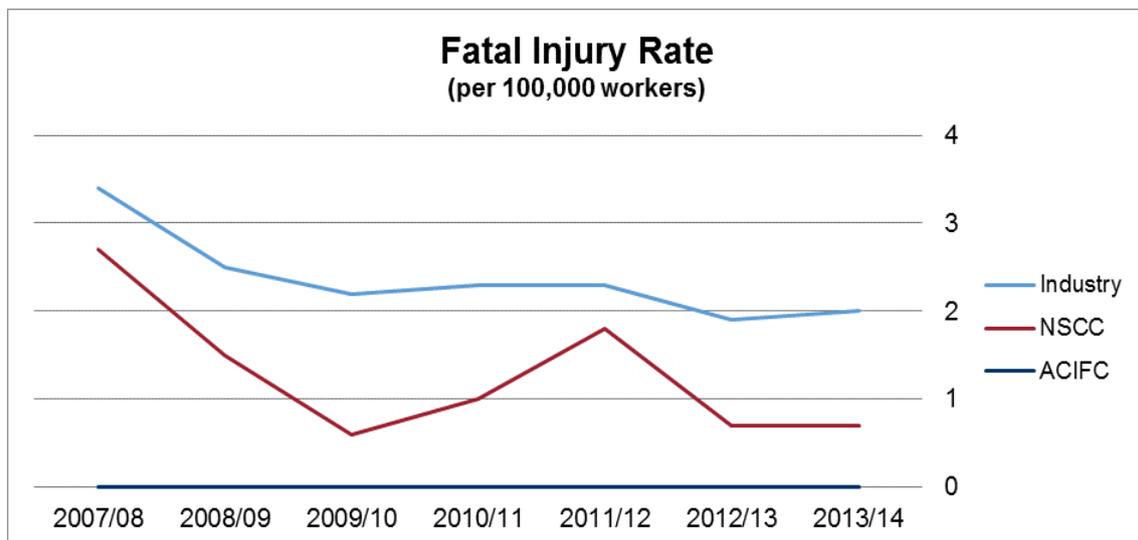
Appendix A – ACIFC Contractor Members 2013/14

ABS Brymar Floors Ltd	Snowden Seamless Floors Ltd
Dunne Concrete Flooring Ltd	Stanford Industrial Concrete Flooring Ltd
Hayes Amodeo Concrete Flooring	Steyson Granolithic Contractors Ltd
Malin Industrial Concrete Floors Ltd	Technic Concrete Floors
Oldroyd Flooring Ltd	Twintec Ltd

Appendix B – Changes in ACIFC Accident Incidence Rates

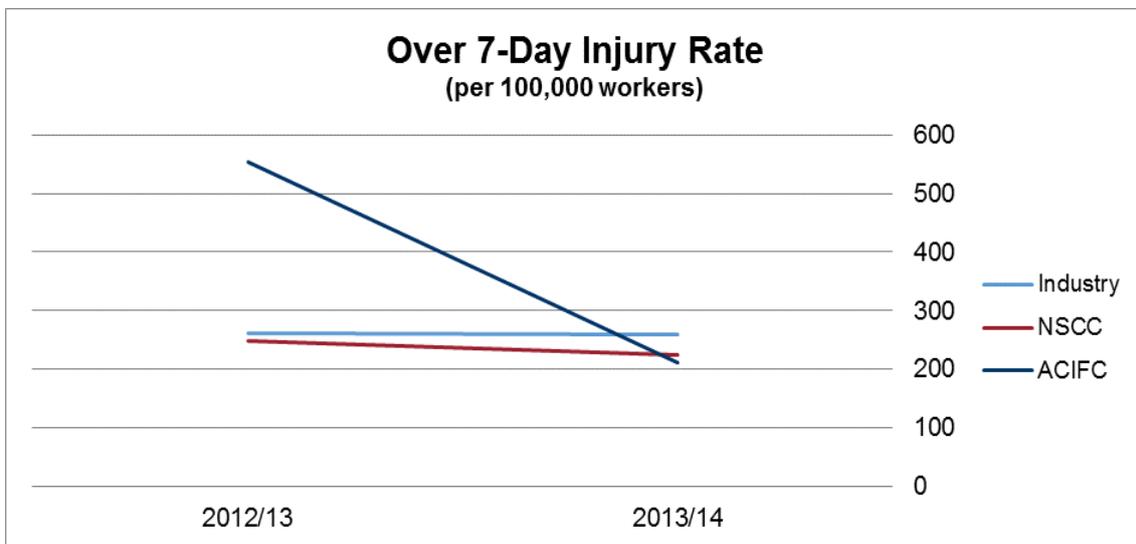
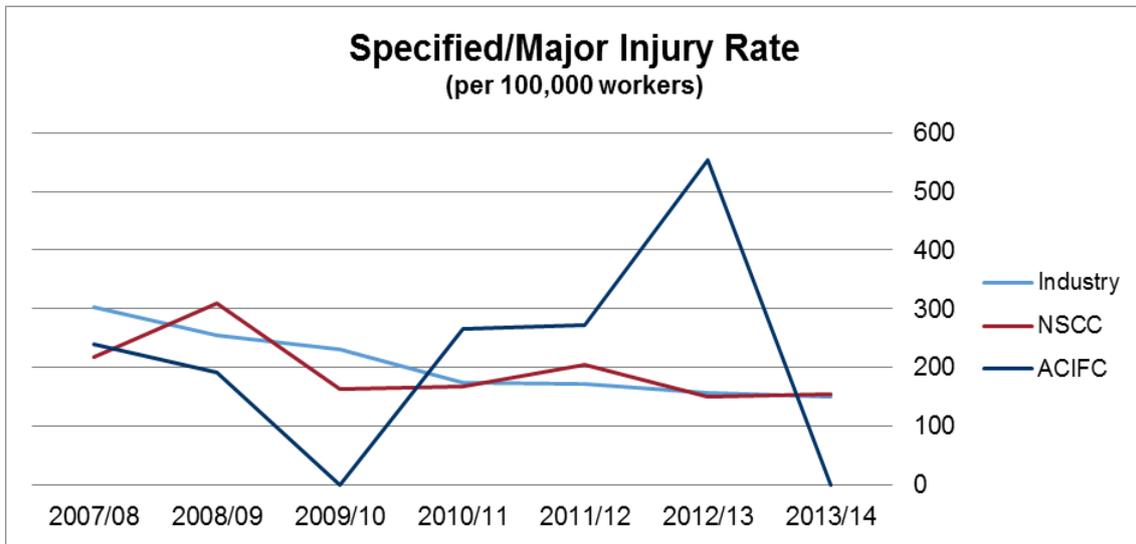
Year	Fatal Injury Rate (per 100,000 workers)	Specified/Major Injury Rate (per 100,000 workers)	Over 7-day Injury Rate (per 100,000 workers)
2013/14	0	0 ⁶	211.4
2012/13	0	552.5	552.5 ⁷
2011/12	0	272.5	
2010/11	0	265.9	
2009/10	0	0	
2008/09	0	191.2	
2007/08	0	240.7	

Appendix C – Comparison of ACIFC, NSCC and Industry Injury Rates



⁶ The reporting requirements for RIDDOR were changed part way through the year with major injuries required to be reported until 31 September 2013 and specified injuries required to be reported from 1 October 2013.

⁷ The reporting requirements for RIDDOR were changed with over 3-day injuries ceasing to be reported on 5 April 2012 and over 7-day injuries required to be reported from 6 April 2012.



Appendix D – Comparison of Types of Accidents Occurring to ACIFC Members

	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10
Contact with moving machinery		25%			
Hit by a moving, flying or falling object					
Hit by a moving vehicle					
Hit something fixed or stationary					
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	100%		100%		33%
Slipped, tripped or fell on the same level		50%		100%	67%
Fell through fragile material (more than 2m)					
Fell through fragile material (less than 2m)					
Fell from a height (more than 2m)					
Fell from a height (less than 2m)					
Trapped by something collapsing					
Drowned or asphyxiated					
Contact with harmful substance					
Exposed to fire					
Exposed to an explosion					
Contact with electricity					
Injured by an animal					
Assaulted by a person					
Other		25%			