



# Accident Survey Report 2008/09

## Introduction

The Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) is committed to reducing the fatal and major injury incidence rates within the construction industry over a 10-year period as part of the National Specialist Contractors' Council (NSCC) *Revitalising Health and Safety Strategy*.

In order to measure this target, ACIFC collects information from its contractor members every year on accidents occurring to their workforces.

The following report summarises the results of the fourth ACIFC accident survey for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

## ACIFC Members

All ACIFC contractor members have provided their accident statistics for the fourth year running as part of this survey (see appendix A),

ACIFC was one of only nine of NSCC's 31 member organisations to provide a **100% response** to the NSCC Accident Survey in 2008/09. This is a commendable achievement and will continue to provide a benchmark against which ACIFC can measure improvements in its membership's safety record compared with non-members.

ACIFC members employ **523** operatives, **439 (83.9%)** of which are direct employees and **84 (16.1%)** of whom are labour only sub-contractors.

## Accidents

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

- Number of fatal injuries
- Number of major injuries
- Number of injuries resulting in more than 3 days absence from normal activities
- Number of Dangerous Occurrences.

The collated accident information for ACIFC members for 2008/09 is shown in the table below.

	Fatal Injuries	Major Injuries	Over 3-Day Injuries
<b>Employees</b>	0	0	1
<b>Self-employed</b>	0	1	1
<b>Members of the public</b>	0	0	N/A

ACIFC members did not report any Dangerous Occurrences in 2008/09.

## Types of Accidents

The breakdown of the types of accidents occurring to ACIFC members in 2008/09 was:

	Fatal	Major	Over 3-Day
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	0	1	0
Slipped, tripped or fell on the same level	0	0	2
	0	1	2

This can be compared with the industry breakdown for injuries which was as follows:

- 29% handling, lifting or carrying
- 22% slips and trips
- 17% falls from height
- 16% hit by moving/ falling object
- 4% contact with moving machinery.

## Accident Incidence Rates

In order to compare its figures from 2008/09 with those from previous years, ACIFC has calculated accident incidence rates as follows:

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

A full list of historical incidence rates for ACIFC can be found at appendix B.

In addition, ACIFC has also 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.

### Rate of Fatal Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry*
No. of fatal injuries	0	2	53
Fatal injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	0	1.5	2.5

### Rate of Major Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry*
No. of major injuries	1	425	3,286
Major injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	191.2	309.6	254.1

### Rate of Over 3-Day Injury

	ACIFC	NSCC	Industry*
No. of over 3-day injuries	2	1034	6,789
Over 3-day injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	382.4	753.1	524.9

\* HSE figures refer to direct employees only.

## Conclusion

The ACIFC accident figures for 2008/09 show a significant improvement in both the ACIFC major and over 3-day injury rates compared with last year. The rate of major injury has fallen by 21% in the last 12 months from 240.7 to **191.2 per 100,000 workers** and the over 3-day rate by 47% from 722.0 to **382.4 per 100,000 workers**. Indeed, the over 3-day injury rate reached a record low this year and, in four years since ACIFC started recording accident information from its members, it has decreased by two thirds from 1117.3 to 382.4.

The ACIFC accident rates for 2008/09 were lower than both those of the specialist sector as compiled by NSCC and the industry as a whole which recorded a major injury rate of 254.1 per 100,000 workers and an over 3-day injury rate of 524.9 per 100,000 workers.

This demonstrates the continued focus by ACIFC members on managing safety in the workplace and reducing accidents within the industry.

The accidents reported by ACIFC members in 2008/09 were the result of either handling, lifting or carrying or a slip, trip or fall on the same level (see appendix C).

ACIFC contractor members will be able to submit their accident statistics for 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010 from Thursday 1 April 2010 via the ACIFC website at [www.acifc.org](http://www.acifc.org).

## Appendix A

### ACIFC Contractor Members

A J Clark (Concrete Flooring) Ltd  
 ABS Brymar Floors Ltd  
 Dunne Concrete Flooring Ltd  
 Fosseway Flooring Systems Ltd  
 John Pyatt Concreting Ltd  
 Mike Amodeo (Contractors) Ltd  
 Oldroyd Flooring Ltd  
 Seamless Floors  
 Snowden Flooring Ltd  
 Stanford Industrial Concrete Flooring Ltd  
 Steyson Granolithic Contractors Ltd  
 Twintec Ltd

## Appendix B

### Changes in the ACIFC Accident Incidence Rates

Year	Fatal injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	Major injury rate (per 100,000 workers)	Over-3-day injury rate (per 100,000 workers)
2008/09	0	191.2	382.4
2007/08	0	240.7	722.0
2006/07	0	127.9	1023.0
2005/06	0	279.3	1117.3

## Appendix C

### Comparison of Types of Accidents

	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06
Contact with moving machinery				
Hit by a moving, flying or falling object		13%	11%	20%
Hit by a moving vehicle				
Hit something fixed or stationary			11%	
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	33%	13%	33%	30%
Slipped, tripped or fell on the same level	66%	25%	22%	30%
Fell from height		26%	22%	
Trapped by something collapsing				
Drowned or asphyxiated				
Exposed to, or in contact with, harmful substance		13%		
Exposed to fire				
Exposed to an explosion				
Contact with electricity or an electrical discharge				
Injured by an animal				
Assaulted by a person				
Other		13%		