



## Terms used in official statistics



### Accident at work

#### Definition:

A sudden incident, caused by external reason, leading to injury or death, which occurred in connection with work:

- 1) during or in connection with performance of ordinary activities or the superiors' instructions by the employee and activities on behalf of the employer, even without instruction;
- 2) when the employee remains at the disposal of the employer on the way between the seat of the employer and the place of performing the obligation arising from the employment relationship.

Every accident is considered equivalent to an accident at work, as regards entitlement to benefits defined in the law on social insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases, if the employee had such an accident:

- 1) during a business trip;
- 2) during training within the scope of the national self-defence;
- 3) when performing tasks ordered by trade union organisations operating at the employer's.

Accident at work is also understood as a sudden incident, causing injury or death, which happened within the term of accident insurance in the course of:

- 1) practising sports during competitions and training by a person receiving sport scholarship;
- 2) performance of paid work while serving the sentence of imprisonment or temporary detention;
- 3) exercising a Mandate of a Deputy or Senator who receives a salary;
- 4) doing - on the basis of an appointment issues by a powiat labour office or another supervising entity - training or internship connected with a scholarship received by school leavers;
- 5) performance of work by members of agricultural producers' cooperatives, farmers' cooperatives and by other persons considered equivalent to members of cooperatives, for the benefit of these cooperatives;
- 6) performance or cooperation in performance of work on the basis of agency agreements, contracts of mandate or contracts of services;
- 7) performance of typical activities related to running, or cooperation in running, a non-agricultural

economic activity;

8) performance of religious activities or activities connected with entrusted pastoral or monastic functions by clergymen;

9) serving supplementary forms of military service;

10) education of students receiving scholarship at the National School of Public Administration.

Source:

- Act of 30 October 2002 on Social Insurance in respect of Accidents at Work and Occupational Disease  
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Low-level terms:

- [Material agent associated with the contact-mode of injury](#)
- [Material agent associated with the specific physical activity performed by the victim at the time of the accident](#)
- [Material agent associated with the deviation](#)
- [Causes of accident](#)
- [Contact-mode of injury](#)
- [Serious accident at work](#)
- [Fatal accident at work](#)
- [Deviation](#)

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Amendments to the description of a concept:

- [Accident at work](#)

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