

Occupational Diseases

There are 49 notifiable occupational diseases under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509). All medical practitioners are required to notify the Labour Department all suspected notifiable occupational diseases. The Occupational Health Service of the Labour Department will promptly carry out investigation upon notification so that causes of the occupational diseases or accidents can be identified and remedial actions will be undertaken in the workplaces.

In 2000, a total of 504 cases of occupational diseases was confirmed, representing a decrease of 31.3% when compared with 734 cases in 1999 (Table D). The overall drop was mainly due to decrease in number of cases of occupational deafness which has been the most common occupational disease since it was made compensable in 1995. As most of the cases of occupational deafness in past years had been confirmed and compensated, the number of cases dropped.

職業病

根據《職業安全及健康條例》(第509章)，本港共有49種須予呈報的職業病，而所有醫生須向勞工處呈報所有懷疑屬須予呈報的職業病，以便勞工處的職業健康服務部能及早作出調查，從而查明職業病及意外的原因，並於工作地方作出改善。

二零零零年，經證實的職業病共有504宗，較一九九九年的734宗減少31.3% (表D)。這整體下降主要是由於職業性失聰個案減少。職業性失聰自一九九五年起可獲得賠償後，成為最常見的職業病。由於過往多年的職業失聰個案相繼獲得證實及賠償，職業失聰個案顯著下降。

Table D Confirmed Cases of Occupational Diseases

表 D 經證實的職業病數目

Disease 病症	Number of Cases 個案數目	
	1999	2000
Occupational deafness 職業性失聰	388	206
Silicosis 矽肺病	137	105
Tenosynovitis of hand or forearm 手部或前臂腱鞘炎	54	81
Tuberculosis 結核病	57	39
Gas poisoning 氣體中毒	57	36
Occupational dermatitis 職業性皮膚炎	21	17
Asbestos-related diseases 與石棉有關病症	15	11
Compressed air illness 氣壓病	3	6
Others 其他病症	2	3
Total 總數	734	504

Source Occupational Health Service of the Labour Department

資料來源 勞工處的職業健康服務部