

LOST TIME INJURIES INCREASE FOR OGCA MEMBERS DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 2008!

It's time for our member firms to Take Action!

The OGCA has received our Association Injury Frequency data from CSAO for January to April 2008. The data indicates there is a **frequency increase of 6.1%** compared to the same time last year.

Historically, this period shows a much lower frequency performance.

At a time when the entire industry, along with other sectors, is under the microscope by the press and labour, these figures will only add fuel to the fire.

The OGCA has, for over 15 years, maintained an LTI frequency rate 30 – 40% lower than the average of rate group 723. While we still have a frequency that is about ½ of the rate group average, indications are that we are seeing an increase. In fact, our membership is presently experiencing about a 50% increase compared to the same period last year.

LTIs (January – May 2008) = 27
LTI Frequency (January – May 2008) = 0.76

LTIs (January – May 2007) = 18
LTI Frequency (January – May 2007) = 0.57

As leaders in our industry this is not acceptable, and we need to address this issue immediately. OGCA members must step up their vigilance to ensure both management and their employees are taking appropriate measures to remedy this situation. Senior management needs to take the lead and find out why this is occurring. You must ensure your respective firms are taking every reasonable precaution to prevent incidents, accidents and injuries.

Firms needing help can contact CSAO or Dan Padden of Construction Safety Solutions for assistance. We must act NOW and we must act decisively to address this situation. Consequences of not acting will ultimately result in even more penalties to our members and the construction industry at large.

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