

Subject: Request for information on the numbers of deaths caused by chainsaw accidents

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Information requested:

Request for the number deaths associated with chainsaw accidents recorded each year and for the most common type of chainsaw accidents NRS records each year e.g. cuts, falls etc.

NRS Response:

A search was made on our death registrations data for all deaths where the word chainsaw or chain-saw was mentioned on the death certificate between the years 2010 and 2020 and there have been none.

NRS codes the causes of death according to the World Health Organisation's International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10). The code which a chainsaw injury would come under is "W29 Contact with other powered handtools and household machinery". Over the period 2010 to 2020 there were no such deaths recorded in Scotland.