



## *Dying at Work in California*

### **Worker Fatalities Increase**

According to a report by Worksafe, worker fatalities on a national level are higher than they have been in nearly a decade with 13 people being killed every day. In California, we may remain below the national fatality rate of 3.4 deaths per 100,000 full-time workers but our fatality rate has increased. It rose 10%, going from 2.0 deaths in 2014 to 2.2 deaths in 2015. These deaths are preventable and predictable as workers continue to die from the same causes every year.

Additionally, this report brings to light a disturbing trend. Latino/Hispanic workers while comprising 36.5 percent of the California labor force accounted for 46 percent of the workplace fatalities in 2015. This translates to 178 Latino/Hispanic workers being killed on the job in 2015 – a significant increase from 2014, when 130 Latino/Hispanic workers died. Agricultural workers saw a huge spike in the fatality rate, increasing from 8.2 in 2014 to 17.1 in 2015.

These findings and more are from an annual report, released by Worksafe, an Oakland-based worker health and safety organization, to commemorate Workers Memorial Day 2017, an international day of remembrance for workers who have been killed and injured at work. Please read and share this report and commit to taking responsibility for reversing these trends in your workplace. Please click on the link below to read the complete report.

#### Reference:

WORKSAFE (4,28,17) The Hidden Stories behind the numbers

Retrieved from: [http://www.worksafe.org/2017\\_Worksafes\\_WMD\\_Report.pdf](http://www.worksafe.org/2017_Worksafes_WMD_Report.pdf)

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