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List Abbreviations

AI	- Artificial Intelligence
ALARP	- As Low as Reasonably Practicable
ALCOA	- Aluminum Company of America
BBS	- Behavior Based Safety
CCTV	- Closed- Circuit Television
CCTV-M	- Closed- Circuit Television Monitoring
Chi-Sq	- Chi-Square (Statistical test)
CIT	- Critical Incident Technique
COSHH	- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
CPR	- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPI	- Continuous Performance Improvement
CPS	- Comprehensive Protection System
CR	- Cramer's V (statistical measure association)
CSR	- Corporate Social Responsibility
DoE	- Design of Experiments
ERP	- Emergency Response Plan
FMEA	- Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
H&S	- Health and Safety
HSE	- Health Safety, and Environment
ILO	- International Labour Organization
ISO	- International Organization for Standardization
IoT	- Internet of Things
JSA	- Job Safety Analysis
KPS	- Key Performance Indicator
LTI	- Lost Time Injury
LTIFR	- Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate
MOM	- Ministry of Manpower (Singapore)
NSC	- National Safety Council
OHS	- Occupational Health and Safety

OH & SMS	- Occupational Health and Safety Management System
OHSa	- Occupational Health and Safety Act
PPE	- Personal Protective Equipment
PTW	- Permit to work
Q&A	- Question and Answer
RCA	- Root Cause Analysis
RIDDOR	- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations
ROI	- Return of Investment
SOP	- Standard Operating Procedure
SWP	- Safe Work Procedure
TIC	- Total Incident Count
TIRM	- Total Injury and Risk Management
TRIR	- Total Recordable Incident Rate
VR	- Virtual Reality
WHS	- Workplace Health and Safety
WHSMS	- Workplace Health and Safety Management System

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Abstract

Workplace safety remains a critical concern across industries, with minor injuries often overlooked despite their potential to escalate into major incidents. While most safety programs prioritize the prevention of severe accidents, limited research has systematically examined the predictive role of minor injuries and major workplace incidents. This study addresses that gap by exploring the relationship between minor injuries and major workplace accidents, identifying the underlying causes of minor injuries, and highlighting strategies for their prevention.

The research grounded in the recognition that minor injuries, often normalized or underreported, can serve as early warning signs of systemic safety deficiencies. Existing literature emphasizes the need for proactive safety measures, but there are limited empirical evidence integrating statistical evidence, integrating statistical analysis, qualitative insights, and real-world case studies (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2008). The central aim of this study is to demonstrate how preventing minor injuries can significantly reduce the likelihood of major incidents, thereby reshaping workplace safety strategies.

The theoretical foundation of this research is Heinrich's Safety Pyramid, which posits that for every major injury, there are multiple minor injuries and near misses that precede it (Heinrich, 1931/1959). This model is the conceptual framework for understanding how targeted interventions at the minor injury level can disrupt the causal chain leading to severe incidents. Mixed-method research approach was employed, combining quantitative data from structured surveys with qualitative insights from in depth interviews. Statistical techniques, including Chi-square and Cramer's V tests, applied to identify associations between variables such as job roles, years of experience, and safety awareness. Triangulation further enhanced through the inclusion of real-world case studies from leading organizations such as Alcoa, DuPont, and Siemens AG, each of which demonstrated successful strategies for controlling minor injuries through cultural, behavioral, or technological intervention (Yin, 2018).

The findings reveal that while there is no statistically significant relationship between job role or years of experience and safety awareness, there is an overwhelming consensus among respondents that managing minor injuries is critical to preventing major incidents. Pro-active safety measures, targeted training, and modern technological solutions particularly AI based wearable devices, automated monitoring systems, and digital reporting tools recognized as essential components of effective safety management (Murphy & Andrew, 2020). However, challenges such as implementation costs, the need for workforce training, cultural adaption remain significant considerations.

In conclusion, this research underscores the importance of integrating minor injury prevention into comprehensive workplace safety frameworks. By fostering proactive safety culture, consistently monitoring minor incidents, implementing targeted training programs, and adapting advanced technologies, organizations can significantly reduce the risk of major workplace accidents and achieve sustainable workplace safety excellence.

Future research could extend this study by applying longitudinal designs to track the long-term effectiveness of minor injury prevention strategies across different industries. Expanding the geographic scope beyond Singapore to include global comparisons would enrich the understanding of cultural, economic, and regulatory influences on safety practices. Additionally, deeper exploration into sector specific hazards such as construction or healthcare, could provide tailored frameworks for injury reduction. Future studies should also examine the integration of advanced technologies such as predictive analytics, machine learning and Internet of Things (IoT) systems in safety management (Zhou et al., 2021). Finally, comparative analysis of various organizations with varying levels of digital readiness can highlight how technological maturity shapes the success of proactive safety strategies.

Keywords: Workplace safety, minor injuries, major incidents, Heinrich's safety Pyramid, AI safety Technology, proactive safety culture, mixed method research, injury prevention.

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Research Background

Workplace safety has long been a central concern for organizations across diverse industries, particularly in high-risk sectors such as construction, manufacturing, oil & gas, and logistic organizations (Clarke, 2019; Hale & Hovden). Despite extensive regulations, continuous monitoring, and increasingly emphasizing investment in protective systems, workplace incidents continue to occur. Globally organizations are increasingly emphasizing the importance of zero - harm culture and striving for reduced accident rates (Dekker, 2017). However, while the prevention of fatalities and severe accidents attracts significant attention, minor injuries often remain underestimated. These injuries, such as slips, trips, cuts, and strains are frequently dismissed as unavoidable or insignificant events, yet they serve as critical indicators of underlying hazards (Hollnagel, 2018)

Latest trends, particularly in technologically advanced economies such as Singapore, reflect this paradox. This Singapore Workplace Safety and Health (WSH Report (2023) revealed a historic decline in fatal and major injuries, but simultaneously highlighted a rise in major injuries, which reached over 22000 cases. Such findings underscore a pressing reality: although strategies to reduce serious accidents are effective, less attention to minor injuries may inadvertently allow persistent hazards to remain unaddressed. This research situates itself within the context, aiming to explore how the early recognition and management of minor workplace injuries can provide a preventive mechanism against major workplace incidents.

1.2 Rationale

This study is driven by the growing recognition that minor workplace injuries are not isolated or insignificant occurrences but are essential signals of systemic safety vulnerabilities (Reason 2016). Organizations that treat minor incidents merely as administrative concerns risk overlooking critical opportunities for improvement. As Heinrich's (1931) safety pyramid theory suggests, for every major accident, there are dozens of minor injuries and hundreds of near misses that preceded it. Thus, controlling these less severe incidents provides a practical, cost-effective method to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic outcomes.

The present time offers a unique opportunity to investigate this issue. Rapid advancements in workplace technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), real-time monitoring, and wearable safety devices, present new methods to track, analyze and respond to hazards before they escalate (Feng et al., 2022). Furthermore, changing workplace dynamics such as aging workforces, automation, and global supply chain pressures are creating new risks that traditional safety frameworks may not fully capture (Goh & Binte, 2021). By studying the relationship between minor and major incidents within this evolving context, this research seeks to fill a critical knowledge gap and provide timely recommendations. This rationale positions the study as a response to both statistical trend and technological transformations shaping the future of workplace safety.

1.3 Problem Statement

Although quick progress has been made in reducing workplace fatalities and major injuries worldwide, minor injuries continue to rise in various industries. These small-scale incidents are often considered inevitable, underreported or managed with minimal investigation, resulting in a critical blind spot in organizational safety management systems (Hale & Hovden, 2020). For instance, in Singapore while fatality and major injury rates have decreased in recent years, minor injuries surged by 5% in 2023 alone (WSH Report 2023). This growth presents an alarming paradox: organizations are achieving success in preventing the most severe cases but simultaneously failing to address the broader safety ecosystem in which such incidents originate.

This research addresses a key knowledge gap: the underexplored connection between minor injuries and the escalation to major incidents. Limited studies systematically analyze how early intervention in minor cases can serve as preventive strategy against severe workplace accidents. (Hollnagel, 2018). Additionally, the role of emerging technologies, such as AI driven monitoring and digital reporting remains under investigation in this specific context (Feng et al. 2022). Without stronger evidence and structured strategies, organizations risk treating symptoms instead of addressing root causes. Therefore, the central problem this research seeks to solve is how proactive minor workplace injuries can curtail major incidents and enhance overall safety performance.

1.4 Theoretical Framework

The study primarily guided by Heinrich's safety Pyramid (1931), also referred to as Heinrich's Triangle, which (Figure:2) postulates that for every major workplace injury, there are multiple minor injuries and hundreds of minor injuries and near misses. The theory emphasizes that minor and near miss events form the base of pyramid, and if left unchecked, they eventually lead to severe accidents at the top. This model provides the conceptual justification for the study central proposition: reducing minor injuries can significantly decrease the probability of major incidents.

In addition to Heinrich's Pyramid, this research affirmed by the Swiss Cheese Model (Figure:4) developed by James Reason (1990). This model suggests that accidents occur due to multiple layers of failure within an organization's safety defenses. Minor injuries, in this context, are evidence of small holes in these defenses, which if not identified and closed, align to cause catastrophic outcomes.

The research also draws on contemporary frameworks of Safety Culture Theory, which highlight the role of organizational values, behaviors, and reporting practices in shaping accident outcomes (Cooper, 2016). A culture that normalizes or dismisses minor injuries inadvertently cultivates conditions for major incidents.

By combining these theoretical perspectives, the study establishes a multidimensional lens. Heinrich's Pyramid frames the statistical and casual link between injury severities, the Swiss Cheese model emphasizes systemic vulnerabilities, and Safety Culture Theory contextualizes organizational behaviors. Together these frameworks support the investigation into how monitoring, analyzing, and addressing minor incidents can enhance resilience and reduce major workplace accidents.

1.5 Significance of the Research

The significance of this study lies in its potential to reshape how organizations, policymakers, and safety professionals conceptualize and manage workplace risks. At a practical level, organizations will benefit from insights into how proactive management of minor injuries can serve as a cost-effective prevention strategy, reducing downtime, compensation costs, and reputational damage (Clarke, 2019). Safety managers can apply these findings to redesign reporting mechanisms, improve training programs, and implement technology driven monitoring tools (Feng et al.,2022).

At a policy level, regulators and governmental agencies will gain evidence-based recommendations for revising workplace safety standards (WSH Council, 2023). By elevating the importance of minor injury monitoring, policymakers can introduce frameworks that encourage industries to address hazards before they escalate.

At a theoretical level, this research contributes to academic discourse by extending Heinrich's Pyramid into the modern workplace context, integrating contemporary technological interventions with classic safety models (Reason, 2016). The findings will highlight how cultural, behavioral, and technological factors interact to influence injury outcomes.

Finally, this research carries social significance, as improved workplace safety enhances workers' wellbeing, job satisfaction, and trust in employers (Cooper, 2016). By addressing minor injuries comprehensively, organizations not only prevent physical harm but also foster a culture of care, accountability, and long-term sustainability in safety performance.

1.6 Research Aim

The primary aim of this research is to investigate the relationship between minor injuries and major workplace incidents, with a particular focus on how early identification and management of minor injuries can reduce the likelihood of severe accidents. Specifically, this study seeks to examine the extent to which safety culture, training, and technology driven interventions contribute to minimizing risks.

By adopting a mixed-method approach that combines survey data, statistical analysis, and qualitative interviews, this research aims to generate comprehensive evidence on the causes of minor injuries and their role as predictors of major incidents. Additionally, the study seeks to evaluate the application of modern safety technologies including AI based wearable devices, real time monitoring tools, and digital reporting platforms in strengthening workplace safety frameworks. The aim is not only to establish the statistical and practical connection between minor injuries and major incidents but also to develop actionable, evidence-based recommendations. This recommendation will assist organizations, safety practitioners, and policy makers in adopting a pro-active, technology enabled, and culturally rooted approach to workplace safety management.

1.7 Research Objectives and Research Questions

The study guided by the following objectives:

1. To analyze the relationship between minor injuries and major workplace incidents using both quantitative and qualitative evidence.
2. To investigate the extent to which minor injuries serve as predictors of systemic safety vulnerabilities.
3. To examine the role of organizational safety culture in influencing the reporting and management of minor incidents.
4. To evaluate how technological interventions such as AI wearables, automated monitoring, and digital reporting systems can reduce the frequency of minor injuries and prevent escalation into major accidents.
5. To identify barriers, such as cost, training needs, and resistance to change, that limit the adoption of pro-active safety measures.
6. To study real-world case examples from organizations that successfully reduced incident rates by focusing on minor injuries.
7. To provide evidence-based recommendations for integrating minor injury prevention into national workplace safety policies and organizational framework.

These objectives are addressed through the following research questions:

1. **Correlation:** What is the relationship between minor and major workplace incidents in high-risk industries?
2. **Causes:** What are the most common causes of minor injuries, and how do they contribute to broader workplace safety challenges?
3. **Strategies:** What evidence-based strategies can organizations implement to effectively prevent minor workplace injuries?
4. **Lessons Learned:** What lessons learned can be drawn from organizations that successfully reduced major incidents by focusing on minor injuries?
5. **Technology:** What emerging technologies (e.g., AI wearables, real time monitoring, digital reporting systems) can enhance the prevention of minor injuries?

Together, these objectives and research questions connect cause, effect, culture, technology, barriers, and solutions- creating a comprehensive framework to explore how preventing minor injuries can reduce the likelihood of major workplace accidents.

1.8 Thesis Organization

This thesis is structured into five chapters, each designed to progressively build the study's argument, present empirical evidence, and derive meaningful conclusions. The chapters are organized as follows:

1.8.1 Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter provides the overall foundation for the study. It introduces the background of workplace safety, the rationale for focusing on minor injuries, and the problem statement highlighting existing gaps in research. The theoretical frame works underpinning the study; Heinrich's Safety Pyramid, the Swiss cheese model and safety culture theory outlined to establish the conceptual basis. The significance, aim, and objectives of the research also presented, positioning the study within both academic and practical contexts.

1.8.2 Chapter 2: Literature Review

This Chapter critically examines existing literature relevant to workplace safety, minor injuries, and their role in predicting major incidents. It reviews classical theories, contemporary safety models, and recent empirical studies. The chapter highlights gaps in current research, especially concerning the role of technology and safety culture in addressing minor incidents. This review forms the intellectual foundation for the research questions and justifies the need for the present study.

1.8.3 Chapter 3: Methodology

This chapter details the methodological approach adopted for the study. It explains the use of a mixed-methods design, combining quantitative surveys, statistical test such as Chi-square and Cramer's V, qualitative in-depth interviews, and real-world case studies. The chapter also covers sampling strategies, data collection procedures, ethical considerations, and analytical methods. The rationale for employing methodological triangulation emphasized to ensure the reliability and validity of findings.

1.8.4 Chapter 4: Findings and Analysis

This Chapter presents the empirical findings from the study. The quantitative data derived from surveys analyzed using appropriate statistical tools, while qualitative data from interviews thematically examined. Case studies of organizations that implemented minor injury prevention strategies also discussed to provide practical insights. The integration of analysis statistical results, interview responses, and case study evidence enables a comprehensive analysis that addresses the research objectives.

1.8.5 Chapter 5: Conclusion and Summary

The closing chapter synthesizes the entire study. It begins with a summary of key findings and analysis, reiterating how the results align with the theoretical framework and previous literature. The contributions of the study to academic knowledge, organizational practices, and policy making are outlined. Practical recommendations offered for organization and regulators. The chapter also discusses the study's limitations, proposes avenues for future research, and concludes with final reflections on how addressing minor injuries can reshape workplace safety strategies.

Chapter 2: Literature Review

2.1 Introduction to the Literature Review

This Literature review aims to critically examine the connection between minor workplace injuries and the prevention of major incidents, within the broader context of occupational safety. The purpose is to establish a conceptual and empirical foundation that supports the hypothesis that reducing minor injuries is proactive strategy for mitigating serious workplace accidents. With a growing body of international and local evidence particularly from Singapore's Workplace safety and Health (WSH) reports indicates a rise in minor injuries, while fatalities have shown a general decline (Ministry of Manpower [MOM],2024). This contrast highlights the need to reevaluate how organizations perceive and respond to low severity incidents. This review synthesizes theoretical models such as Heinrich's Safety Pyramid (Heinrich,1931), Reason Swiss Cheese Model (Reason 1997), and Bird's accident ratio theory (Bird & German,1985), which emphasize the predictive nature of minor incidents. These frameworks combined with empirical research underline the importance of early warning indicators such as slips, trips, light duty injuries and near misses; as precursors to more severe events (Manuele, 2011; Goh, Love, Stagbouer & Annesley,2014).

By examining the root causes, patterns and system-level implications of these incidents, the literature review contributes to holistic understanding of workplace safety dynamics. It supports the research framework by identifying measurable success in injury prevention programs and highlighting the strategic importance of managing minor injuries to prevent escalation (Geller,2001; DuPont Sustainable Solutions, 2015). Thereby, it sets the stage for identifying effective intervention strategies that organizations can implement to move from reactive safety models to preventive, system-based approaches.

2.2 Scope of the Literature Review

The scope of this literature review centers on its specific focus on the prevention of major workplace incidents through the control and analysis of minor injuries. This minor includes workplace incidents resulting in light duties, medical leave, or first aid treatment. Although often considered as less significant major injuries or fatalities, a growing body of literature positions minor injuries as critical markers for latent organizational hazards (Reason,1997; Manuele,2011). This review draws from a variety of sectors including construction, manufacturing, logistics and high-risk operations while primarily context in Singapore due to its robust WSH frameworks and available data, global case studies are also incorporated to provide international perspectives and relevance (MOM,2024; International Labour Organization [ILO],2023). The review further integrates government reports, industry's best practices, and digital safety.

Technologies such as real time hazard tracking and predictive analytics (Zhou, Goh, & Li,2015). Key theories and concepts examined include Heinrich's accident triangle, behavioral safety approaches, and systems-thinking models, which have validated across both academic and industrial settings (Heirich,1931; Geller,2001). Empirical data from agencies such as the U.S. National Safety Council (2022) and Singapore's Ministry of Manpower provide a statistical backdrop to evaluate trends, ratios, and safety culture shifts. By limiting its focus to the relationship between minor and major injuries, the review provides depth rather than breadth, ensuring that the findings directly support the central research question: *Can preventing minor injuries significantly reduce the risk of major workplace incidents?*



Figure 1: Number and Rate of Workplace Fatal Injuries 2014-2023 (MOM, 2024)

The review includes studies on accident causation theories, such as Heinrichs Safety pyramid as well as empirical findings from the national safety council, Ministry of Manpower Singapore, and international journals. In addition, the scope extends to government policies, industry's best practices and digital safety systems that enable real time tracking and pro-active risk management. For example, predictive analytics and incident reporting technologies have recognized for their ability to detect patterns in minor injuries that precede major events (Zhou, Goh & Li, 2015). By limiting the focus to the relationship between minor and major injuries the review provides depth rather than breadth, ensuring that the findings directly support the central research question: can preventing minor injuries significantly reduce the risk of major workplace incidents?

2.3 Structure of the Literature Review

The literature review follows a thematic and narrative synthesis structure, integrating both theoretical foundations and empirical evidence to explore how controlling minor injuries can

prevent major workplace incidents. The review combines qualitative insights and quantitative data to generate a multi-dimensional understanding of the topic.

2.3.1 Search Engines Used

To ensure a comprehensive and credible literature base, multiple academic databases and search engines were employed to source peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, books, and technical reports. The following resources were systematically used:

- **Google Scholar:** Served as a primary academic search engine to identify scholarly articles across disciplines related to workplace safety, accident causation theories, and injury prevention strategies, and injury prevention strategies. Keywords included minor workplace injuries, Heinrich's safety pyramid, behavior-based safety, workplace safety culture, and predictive safety technologies.
- **Web of Science:** Provided access to high-impact, peer-reviewed research in occupational health and safety, industrial engineering, and organizational behavior. Advanced Boolean search strategies were employed to refine results for empirical and review-based studies.
- **Government and Industry sources:** Official data bases and reports from the Ministry of Manpower (Singapore), Workplace safety and Health (WSH) Council, National Safety Council (U.S.), and the World Health Organization (WHO) were accessed for official statistics, annual safety reports, and international benchmarking.
- **Specialized Safety Journals:** Reputable journals such as the Journal of Safety Research, Safety Science, International Journal of Occupational Safety and Ergonomics (JOSE), and Environmental Medicine (JOEM) were consulted to source recent peer reviewed contributions in safety research.

The academic database used for sourcing literature included Google Scholar and Web of science, while government and industry sources accessed from Ministry of Manpower Singapore, National Safety Council (U.S.), World Health Organization, and safety focused journals. The timeline of

literature selection spans 2000 to 2024, ensuring recency and relevance, while also including few classical sources such as Heinrich's accident triangle for foundational understanding.

Thematic categories explored in the review include.

- (1) the role of minor injuries as indicators of systematic risks
- (2) Theoretical models linking minor and major incidents.
- (3) Empirical studies validate this relationship.
- (4) Underreporting and challenges in addressing minor injuries.
- (5) Organizational and Governmental Strategies for prevention

This structure enables a progressive buildup of arguments, starting from conceptual foundations and moving forward current practices and policy implications. The thematic approaches ensure that different perspectives; academic, regulatory, and practical oriented. In doing so the literature review lays the groundwork for the study's mixed method research design and justifies the focus on preventive strategies that prioritize early intervention over reactive responses. A structured synthesis reinforces the central hypothesis that controlling minor injuries is a critical component in achieving safer and more resilient workplaces.

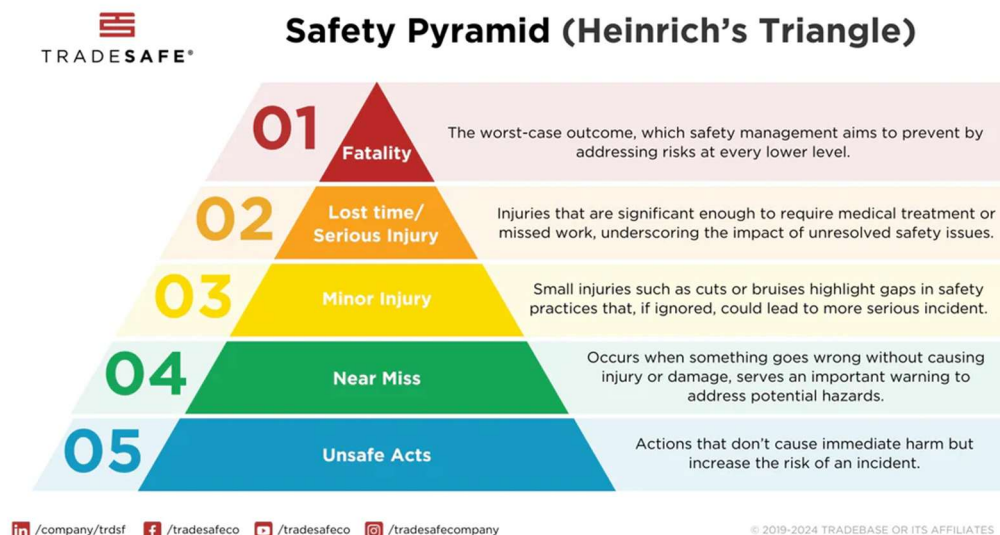


Figure 2: Heinrich's Safety Pyramid (Herbert post, 2024)

2.3.2 Key Words

The review was guided by multiple keywords, including *minor workplace injuries, major incidents, occupational safety, accident prevention, incident pyramid, safety culture, near miss reporting, risk indicators, and Singapore safety workplace trends.*

2.4 Thematic Discussion: Bridging the Gap Between Minor Injuries and Major Accident Prevention in Singapore's Workplace Safety Landscape

2.4.1 Research Gap

The motivation for this research stems from a critical observation of Singapore's Workplace safety and Health (WSH) performance reports, which consistently cite approximately thirty-six fatal incidents and 590 major injuries in year 2023 out of a 400,000 strong workforce (MOM,2023). While such numbers tend to be low when compared to global statistics, this framing can be ethically problematic.

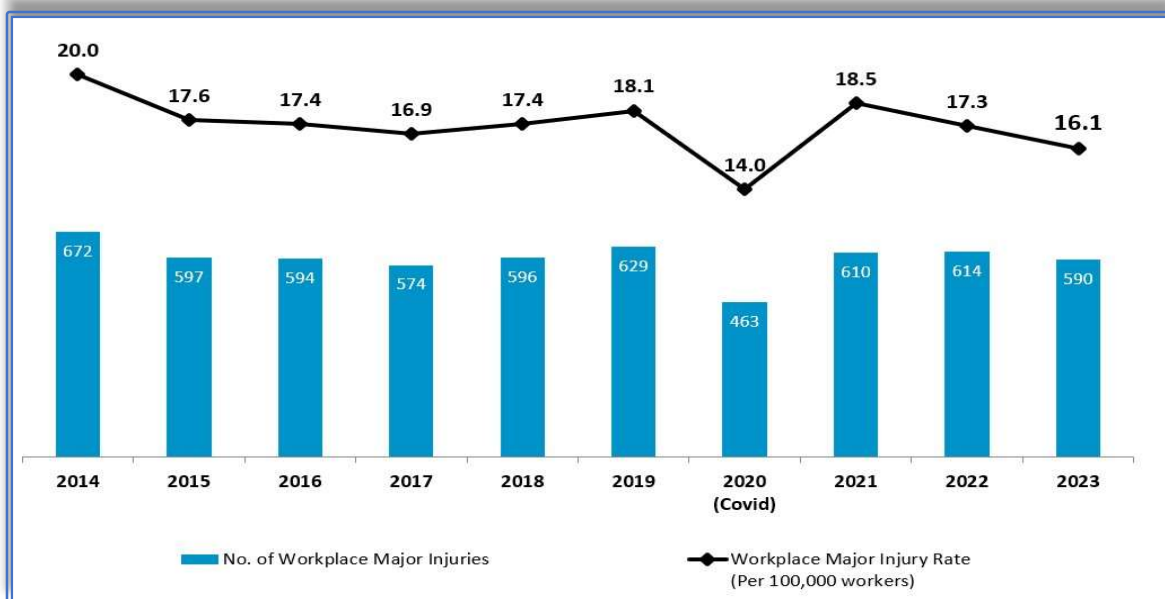


Figure 3: Number and rate of workplace major injuries 2014-2023 (MOM,2024)

Even one preventable death is significant, and the focus on comparative success may obscure persistent and preventable risks within local systems. This reveals a research gap- the absence of adequate attention to minor injuries and their potential precursors to major incidents. The literature reviewed and revealed three major thematic clusters, each of which supports the rationale for focusing on minor injuries:

2.4.2 Incident Pyramids and Predictive Safety Models

Rooted in Heinrich's (1931) accident triangle, different studies (Manuele,2002; Krause.2010) confirm that minor injuries and near misses often precede severe incidents. This foundational theme suggests that early intervention through analysis of low severity cases offers a predictive safety advantage, allowing organizations to break the chain leading to fatalities.

2.4.3 Organizational Safety Culture and Reporting Behaviors

The second theme involves safety culture and underreporting minor incidents. Studies show that where minor injuries receive insufficient attention or are normalized, safety becomes reactive rather than proactive (Cooper, 2000; Zohar,2010). Workers may refrain from reporting minor cuts or strains due to fear or perception of irrelevance, thus missing critical opportunities for preventive actions.

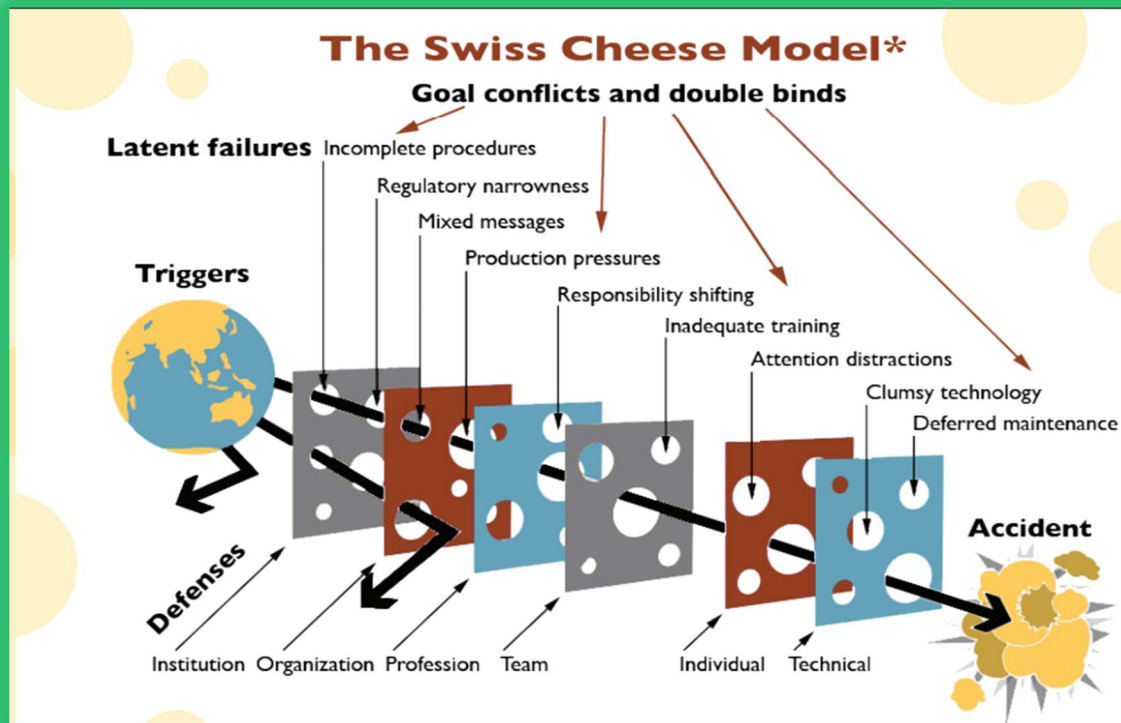


Figure 4: The Swiss Cheese Model (James Reason, 1990)

Together these themes suggest that minor injuries are not trivial, but rather critical indicators of underlying systemic weakness. The Singapore WSH report while statistically robust, lacks this preventive lens. By focusing on minor injuries, this research aims to introduce a shift in mindsets and policy from tolerating low level incidents to leveraging them as strategic points of intervention to prevent major workplace tragedies.

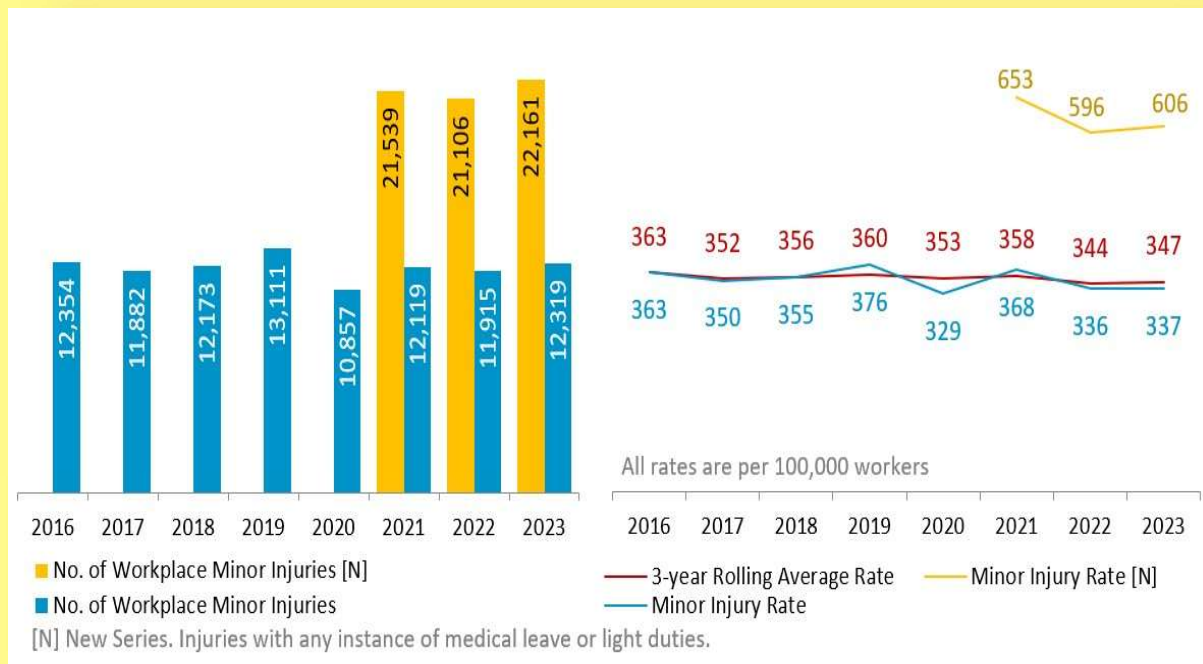


Figure 5: Number of Minor Injuries (MOM, 2024)

2.5 Research Questions and Objectives: Emerging from the Identified Research Gap

The literature review has highlighted a significant but underexplored area within the domain of occupational safety: role of minor injury prevention as a foundational strategy to reduce major incidents and fatalities in high-risk industries. The 2023 workplace Safety and Health Report published by Singapore Ministry of Manpower provides a compelling yet concerning data set: thirty-six workers (figure:1) lost their lives in fatal incidents, and 590 others (figure:3) sustained major injuries, despite overall improvements in safety performance. These incidents occurred within a workforce of approximately 400,000 employees in sectors such as construction, manufacturing & Logistics. While the report attempts to contextualize these figures as relatively low by global standards, this normalization risks underplaying the human cost behind each

statistic. From an ethical and preventive standpoint, even one life lost at work is one too many (Ministry of Manpower,2024).

The same report also indicates a 5% increase in minor injuries, totaling 22161 cases (Figure:4) in the same year. Minor injuries- typically involving light duty or medical leave are frequently dismissed as routine or non-critical. However theoretical models like Heinrich's safety pyramid (Heinrich, 1931) and Dupont Bradley curve (DuPont,2002) assert that these low severity events are often leading indicators of systematic safety failures. Moreover, contemporary studies such as those by Manuele (2013) and the US National Council (NSC,2021), reinforce the premise that underlying causes of major injuries (e.g.: unsafe behaviors, poor housekeeping PPE noncompliance) are often the same factors that, under slightly different circumstances, lead to major injuries or fatalities.

The disconnects between increased minor injuries and decreased major incidents reveals a critical research gap: the prevailing focus on headline safety metrics (such as fatality rates) may obscure deeper, latent hazards that continue to manifest in less severe but more frequent incidents. This seeks to address that gap by examining how targeted interventions on minor injuries can create a more consistent and more proactive safety culture, particularly in high-risk industries. From this gap, the following research questions and objectives are logically and thematically derived:

2.5.1 Research Question 1:

What is the correlation between minor and major workplace incidents in high-risk industries?

This Question emerges from the literature's emphasis on predictive safety models like the accident triangle, which posit that minor injuries and near misses are statistically related major incidents.

The objective is to quantify and understand the degree of correlation between these two categories, using empirical data and case analysis to validate or challenge theoretical assumptions.

Objective 1: To analyze correlation between minor injuries and major workplace incidents in high-risk industries, particularly within Singapore context.

2.5.2 Research Question 2:

What are the common causes of minor injuries in high-risk industries and how do they contribute to broader safety challenges?

This question seems from the thematic analysis of minor injury reports and empirical studies, which identify causes like slips, trips, falls and contact with machinery as recurring hazards. Understanding these causative factors is essential to unpacking how they may signal deeper systematic weakness in organizational safety culture.

Objective 2:

To identify the most common causes of minor injuries in high risks industries in high-risk industries and examine how they contribute to broader organizational safety challenges.

2.5.3 Research Question 3:

What evidence-based strategies can organizations implement to effectively prevent minor workplace injuries?

The literature reviewed ranging from integrated safety management systems (ISM) to behavioral safety interventions suggests that a toolkit of proven methods that rarely optimize minor injuries. This research aims to compile and evaluate these strategies in the context of high-risk sectors.

Objective 3:

To evaluate and recommend evidence-based strategies that organizations can adopt to effectively prevent minor workplace injuries.

2.5.4 Research Question 4:

What insights emerge from case studies of Organizations that have successfully reduced major workplace incidents by addressing minor injuries?

Global corporations (e.g.: Alcoa, DuPont, Siemens, ExxonMobil) have demonstrated a safety record by focusing on continuous improvement, transparency, and early intervention.

This study will extract lessons from such case studies to develop a contextual framework suitable for implementation in Singapore's industrial sectors.

Objective 4:

To examine organizational case studies that demonstrate how proactive minor injury prevention strategies have led to reductions in major incidents and fatalities.

2.5.5 Research Question 5:

What emerging technological tools and innovations can be employed to monitor, manage, and prevent minor workplace injuries effectively?

The literature also indicates a growing reliance on digital safety dashboards, wearable technology, AI powered analytics, and real time incident tracking systems, which enhance the visibility and traceability of minor injuries. This question explores the readiness, effectiveness, and applicability of such technologies in the local context.

Objective 5:

To explore emerging technologies and innovations that can improve the monitoring and management of minor injuries in high-risk work environments.

2.6 Conclusion of Literature Review

This Literature Review has critically explored the relationship between minor workplace injuries and major incidents, synthesizing theories, case studies, and empirical findings across diverse high-risk industries. Drawing on foundational theories such as Heinrich's Safety Pyramid, which proposes that for every major injury there are different range of minor injuries and near misses (Heinrich,1931), the review emphasized the predictive value of minor incidents. Similarly, Reason's (Reason,1997) Swiss Cheese Model illustrates how multiple small system failures can align to create catastrophic outcomes. These theoretical models, reinforced by practical frameworks such as DuPont's Bradely Curve (DuPont Sustainable Solutions, 2015) collectively support the view that controlling minor injuries and building a proactive safety culture can reduce the risk of major incidents. A central insight from the literature is that minor injuries often represent early warning signs of broader systematic issues, such as gaps in training supervision, worker fatigue or unsafe environments. Multiple empirical studies have highlighted that a sizable portion of major accidents may be preceded by smaller, seemingly-less consequential incidents (Manuele, 2011; Hallowell & Gambatese, 2009). Furthermore, organizations that proactively address near misses and near injuries- such as Alcoa and Siemens- have demonstrated measurable improvements in safety outcomes and organizational performance (Geller, 2—1; Siemens AG,2023). However, a critical research gap remains: most safety strategies and policy focus disproportionately on major and fatal incidents, often overlooking compounding impact of minor injuries. In the context of Singapore's 2023 Workplace Safety and Health report (WSH) reports, there were thirty-six recorded fatal workplace accidents and 590 major injuries reported among a workforce of approximately 400,000 (Ministry of Manpower [MOM], 2024). While this may seem proportionally negligible compared to global fatality rates, it raises a fundamental ethical and

operational concern even a single fatality rate, it raises a fundamental ethical and operational concern- even a single fatality is one too many. Moreover, the same report recorded 22,161 minor injuries, while others might be unreported or ignored for systemic casualties.

The lack of analytical emphasis on minor injuries creates a research gap- one where organizational learning, behavioral change and preventive strategy development are limited by inadequate data and underdeveloped insights. This research gap not only weakens the potential for early intervention but also undermines the opportunity to build continuous awareness among workers, which is essential for establishing proactive and resilient safety culture. The review also revealed the emergence of advanced technologies- including wearables predictive AI analytics, and reporting tools- as key enablers in transforming workplace safety from a reactive to a predictive model (Zhou, Goh & Li, 2015; Siemens AG,2023). These tools support real-time collections, improve injury reporting, and enhance workforce engagement. Thus, this literature review builds a compelling case for a focused investigation into how preventing minor injuries can play a vital role in reducing major incidents. It reinforces the rationale for this study, which is not only to fill the theoretical and practical research gap but also to contribute to improved safety practices that value every workers' life and wellbeing.

The next chapter, Chapter 3: Research Methodology, outlines the mixed approach used to investigate this relationship. It details the survey design, interview protocols, case study analysis, and ethical considerations that collectively ensure robust, dependable, and contextually relevant findings. The methodology aligns with the review's themes and supports the study's overarching goal of developing evidence based, actionable strategies for safer workplace.

Chapter 3: Research Methodology

3.1 Outline of the Chapter

This chapter outlines the methodological framework used to investigate how controlling minor injuries in the workplace may help prevent major incidents. Given the nature of the research objective, to explore the link between minor injuries and major incidents and examine organizational roles, experiences, and technological strategies—a mixed methods research design was adopted. The methodological choice allows for a comprehensive understanding of quantitative trends and qualitative experiences, integrating survey data, statistical tests, interviews and case studies to produce rich and actionable insights. The study aimed to answer the central research question: To what extent does controlling minor workplace injuries help reduce the likelihood of major incidents? To answer this question effectively, the methodology was structured around well-established academic and empirical protocols, which include the following key components: research philosophy, approach, design, data collection, data analysis, ethical considerations, and a summary of the chosen methodology.

3.2 Research Questions and Research Objectives

- **What is the correlation between minor and major workplace incidents in high-risk industries?** Its Objective is to examine the statistical and practical relationship between minor injuries and major incidents within high-risk industries. This includes identifying the patterns of escalation and evaluating how early stage injuries can serve as predictive indicators of more severe workplace events (Heinrich, Peterson & Roose, 1980)

- **What are the common causes of minor injuries in high-risk industries, and how do they contribute to broader safety challenges?** The Objective seeks to identify the most frequent causes of minor injuries in high-risk work environments and understand how these seemingly small events contribute to broader systematic safety weaknesses. The aim is to highlight underlying hazards and behavioral trends that compromise workplace safety.
- **What evidence-based strategies can organizations implement to effectively prevent minor workplace injuries?** The goal is to investigate and evaluate proven, evidence-based strategies that organizations can adopt to reduce the occurrence of minor injuries. This includes reviewing safety protocols, training programs, and procedural controls that have shown effectiveness in various industrial contexts.
- **What are the insights which can be drawn from case studies of Organizations that have successfully reduced major workplace incidents by addressing minor injuries?** This Objective focuses on analyzing real world examples of Organizations that have successfully minimized major incidents by actively addressing minor injuries. The study aims to extract best practices, safety leadership models, and cultural shifts that contributed to their success.
- **What emerging technological tools and innovations can be utilized to monitor, manage, and prevent minor workplace injuries effectively?** The Objective is to explore modern technological solutions such as AI based monitoring, wearable sensors, mobile reporting apps, and predictive analytics- that support proactive injury prevention. The aim is to assess how these innovations can enhance minor injury tracking, hazard identification, and safety compliance.

3.3 Research Design

- This study based a **Convergent Parallel Mixed Methods Design**. In this design, quantitative and qualitative data were collected and analyzed independently but during the same phase of the study and integrated during interpretation. This approach allows the strengths of numerical analysis (breadth and statistical testing) and rich qualitative insights (depth and context) to complement each other and give a deeper understanding of workplace safety.
- **Quantitative strand:** A structured survey was distributed to 95 employees from different roles (Engineers, Technicians, Safety Committee Members, Managers and workers). The survey examined views on workplace safety, minor injuries, training and safety technologies. Data was analyzed using descriptive statistics, Chi square tests, and Cramer's V to assess relationships between minor and major incidents.
- **Qualitative strand:** Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 10 participants from verified job levels to explore live experiences and organizational Practices. Responses were coded thematically. Three Case studies from companies that successfully reduced incidents by focusing on minor injuries were also analyzed to validate and enrich the findings.
- **Integration (Triangulation):** After separate analysis, both strands were compared and merged. This strengthened validity by combining statistical evidence with practical evidence with practical workplace insights, aligning closely with the study's objective of showing how addressing minor injuries can reduce major incidents.

3.4 Theoretical Framework and Research Methodology

3.4.1 Theoretical Framework

The foundation of this study is grounded in accident causation theories and Safety Management Principals, especially Heinrich's Domino Theory and Bird's Accident Triangle. These models emphasize how small or minor unsafe acts and conditions-often leading to minor injuries-can escalate into severe incidents if left unaddressed (Heinrich, Peterson & Roose,1980). This aligns directly with the study's objective of demonstrating how the prevention of minor injuries can curtail major workplace incidents.

- According to Heinrich's Domino Theory major injuries are often the result of a sequence of smaller incidents, and intervening at the level minor injuries that can effectively disrupt this progression (Heinrich,1931)
- Bird's Safety Triangle illustrates a statistical correlation between different levels of workplace incidents, suggesting that for every major injury, there are numerous minor injuries and near misses that precede it (Bird,1996).
- Reason's Swiss Cheese Model supports a layered approach to safety, emphasizing that minor system failures or gaps can align across multiple layers to result in major incidents if not properly addressed (Reason, 1990)

3.4.2 Research Methodology

The study adopts a mixed method approach, combining both survey-based quantitative analysis, with qualitative insights derived from case studies and semi structured interviews. These methodologies were selected to ensure both breadth and depth in understanding how minor injury prevention affects major incident rates in real world settings.

3.4.3 Data Collection Tools

- **Survey Methodology**

The primary research involved a structured survey distributed to safety professionals in high-risk industries such as manufacturing, construction and chemical plants. This method was appropriate because: It allows for the collection of a large volume of data from participation with varying experience levels and job roles. Survey methodology helps in identifying trends, quantifying the prevalence of minor injuries and correlating them with major incidents across sectors.

- **Interview Methodology**

To gain deeper insights into the human and organizational aspects of safety practices, semi structured interviews were conducted with selected professionals from the same industries. This method allows for a nuanced understanding of individual perspectives, decision-making patterns, and safety culture dynamics that are not easily captured through surveys alone. Interviews were particularly valuable in exploring how organizations interpret and act upon minor injury data.

- **Case Study Methodology**

Three real world case studies-Alcoa, DuPont and Siemens were selected based on their exemplary safety practices and successful implementation of minor injury prevention strategies. Case study methodology was suitable because it offers rich, contextual analysis of actual practices over time. It allows triangulation of survey and interview findings with documented evidence, reinforcing the research validity and relevance. Case studies also help illustrate theoretical concepts in action and support generalizability through application through replication logic.

3.5 Research Philosophy

Research philosophy refers to the belief system or worldview that guides the methodology and interpretation of data. This study is rooted in pragmatism, which combines both positive and interpretive philosophies. Pragmatism focuses on what works in real world contexts and allows for the use of multiple methods to capture both observable patterns aligned with positivism and lived experiences which are aligned with interpretivism (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2018). Pragmatism is particularly relevant in this study due to the dual nature of the inquiry:

1. Understanding statistical correlations between minor and major inquiries, and
2. Capturing subjective opinions and organizational experiences related to safety protocols, training, and technological interventions. Pragmatism also aligns with workplace contexts, where actionable knowledge is more valuable than abstract theory alone.
3. Investigating real-world case studies from industry leaders such as Alcoa, DuPont and Siemens, which illustrate how minor injury prevention strategies have successfully curtailed major incidents in practical workplace environments

3.6 Hypothesis

Main Hypothesis (H1)

“Preventing minor injuries through proactive strategies significantly reduces the occurrences of major workplace incidents”

Null Hypothesis (H0)

“There is no significant relationship between the prevention of minor injuries and the reduction of major workplace incidents”

3.7 Research Approach

This study adopts a mixed method approach that integrates both deductive and inductive reasoning, consistent with pragmatic research philosophy. Deductive reasoning informed the quantitative phase where structured surveys were designed to test theoretical relationships between minor and major workplace injuries based on existing models Heinrich's Domino Theory and Bird's Accident Triangle.

Simultaneously, inductive reasoning was used in the qualitative phase, especially in the thematic analysis of semi structured interviews with safety professionals. These interviews offered rich contextual insights into organizational safety technologies (Braun & Clarke,2006).

Additionally, a multiple case study approach was incorporated to analyze documented real world safety interventions from leading industrial companies such as Alcoa, Dupont, and Siemens. These case studies provided practical examples of how addressing minor injuries contributed to the prevention of major incidents. Case study methodology is particularly effective in applied safety research for generating in depth understanding within real life contexts (Yin,2018).

By combining surveys, interviews, and case studies, this approach ensures both breadth and depth in the data, supporting a comprehensive analysis that is theoretically sound and practically relevant (Creswell & Piano Clark,2018). This methodological triangulation also enhances the study validity and reliability by cross-verifying findings from multiple sources (Denzin,2012)

3.8 Data Collection Methods

3.8.1 Survey

The primary method of quantitative data collection was a structured survey comprising both closed-ended and multiple-choice questions. The survey included the following components:

- Demographic details (role, years of experience)
- Knowledge about minor injuries leading to major incidents
- Frequency of minor injuries observed or experienced
- Safety practices and training provided
- Use of safety technologies

The survey was distributed both in printed format and via online platforms, ensuring accessibility to employees working in different shifts and locations. A total of 95 complete responses were collected.

3.8.2 Interviews

Ten participants were selected for semi-structured interviews based on role diversity, willingness to participate, and years of experience. The interview questions focused on:

- Perception of safety culture
- Experience with minor and major injuries
- Feedback on training and technological interventions
- Recommendations for improving safety practices

Each interview lasted between 30 to 45 minutes and was conducted either face to face or via video conferencing, depending on availability. Interviews were recorded with participant consent and transcribed verbatim for analysis.

3.9 Case Studies: Rationale for Case Study selection

The selection of three case studies - Alcoa, DuPont, and Siemens AG - was a purposeful and methodologically aligned decision designed to enhance the depth and credibility of this research on preventing minor injuries to curtail major workplace incidents. These Organizations were not randomly chosen rather they represent a strategic cross section of industry leaders who have implemented successful, well documented safety transformation programs. The inclusion criteria were based on several factors: global operational footprint, engagement in high-risk industrial activities, publicly available documentation of safety initiatives, and the ability to demonstrate a clear correlation between managing minor injuries and reducing serious incidents.

Alcoa was chosen for its transformative leadership and cultural shift under CEO Paul O'Neill, who embedded minor injury prevention into the company's core values and significantly improved safety metrics (Geller, 2001; O'Neill, 2015). DuPont was selected for its long-standing emphasis on behavior-based safety (BBS) and its systematic use of root cause analysis to address seemingly minor incidents before they escalated (Krause, 1997; DuPont sustainable solutions, 2010). Siemens AG was included for its innovative use of emerging technology such as wearables, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Virtual Reality (VR) in proactively preventing minor injuries and predicting risks (Siemen, 2021; World Economic Forum, 2020)

3.9.1 Relevance and Contribution of Case Studies to Research Methodology

These case studies were included in the methodology chapter to complement the mixed-methods approach of this research, which involves both qualitative and quantitative analysis. They serve as qualitative illustrations that validate and contextualize the findings from surveys, interviews and statistical testing. Their practical application provides real world confirmation that minor injury prevention strategies are not only theoretical but have been successfully implemented across

diverse industries (Geller, 2001; Krause, 1997; Siemens AG, 2021). Each case study also offers a unique angle – organizational culture (Alcoa), Behavioral safety (DuPont), and technological innovation (Siemens) allowing for a multidimensional analysis that enriches the discussion. By examining these proven examples, the research establishes a stronger foundation for proposing actionable recommendations and demonstrates that theoretical framework can yield practical, measurable results in high-risk workplace environments (Heinrich,1931; Bird,1996).

3.10 Case Study 1: Alcoa – Transforming Workplace Safety Through Minor Injury Prevention.

3.10.1 Background:

Alcoa Corporation, a global leader in aluminum production, was once facing a high number of workplace incidents across its industrial operation. When Paul O’Neill became CEO in 1987, he shifted the company’s core focus toward worker safety, using minor injuries as early warning signs for larger system risks (O’Neill, 2011).

3.10.2 Intervention Strategy:

O’Neill introduced a policy that emphasized immediate reporting and analysis of all injuries, regardless of severity. Act with integrity, Operate with Excellence, Care for people and lead with Courage are set as Alcoa’s core safety values. He insisted that even minor cuts, bruises, or slips be documented and reviewed. The company developed a comprehensive injury reporting and communication system where:

- Value human life above all else and manage risks accordingly.
- Every injury report had to be reported to management within 24 hours.
- Supervisors and plant managers were held accountable for identifying root causes.

- Safety audits and regular training were conducted to tackle even the smallest safety infractions.
- Near-miss reporting became a cultural norm, not a disciplinary issue (Alcoa,2020).

3.10.3 Results:

Within a few years, Alcoa's injury rate dropped dramatically, and the company experienced a consistent decline in major incidents. By 1993, Alcoa's worker injury was one twentieth of the U.S Average (Geller, 2011). The company's market value also soared, demonstrating that a focus on safety and minor injury prevention also drives operational and financial performance (O'Neill, 2011).

3.10.4 Key Takeaway:

Alcoa's Employees Safety and Health (EHS) - Vision, Values, Mission and Policy demonstrate that proactively addressing minor injuries- not dismissing them as routine or insignificant can be a powerful strategy in reducing major workplace Incidents. It also proves that embedding safety deeply into organizational culture fosters both employee trust and operational excellence.

3.11 Case Study 2: DuPont – “Stop Minor Injuries, Stop Major Incidents” Safety Culture

3.11.1 Background:

DuPont, a global science and chemicals company with operations in high-risk environments, has long been recognized as a benchmark in industrial safety. The company's history of managing hazardous chemicals and materials made safety a business-critical priority (Manuele, 2014).

3.11.2 Intervention Strategy:

DuPont's safety transformation began with realization that most serious incidents had precursors- often minor injuries or unsafe acts that were overlooked. The company adopted Zero Incidents Philosophy, embedding safety into all layers of its operations.

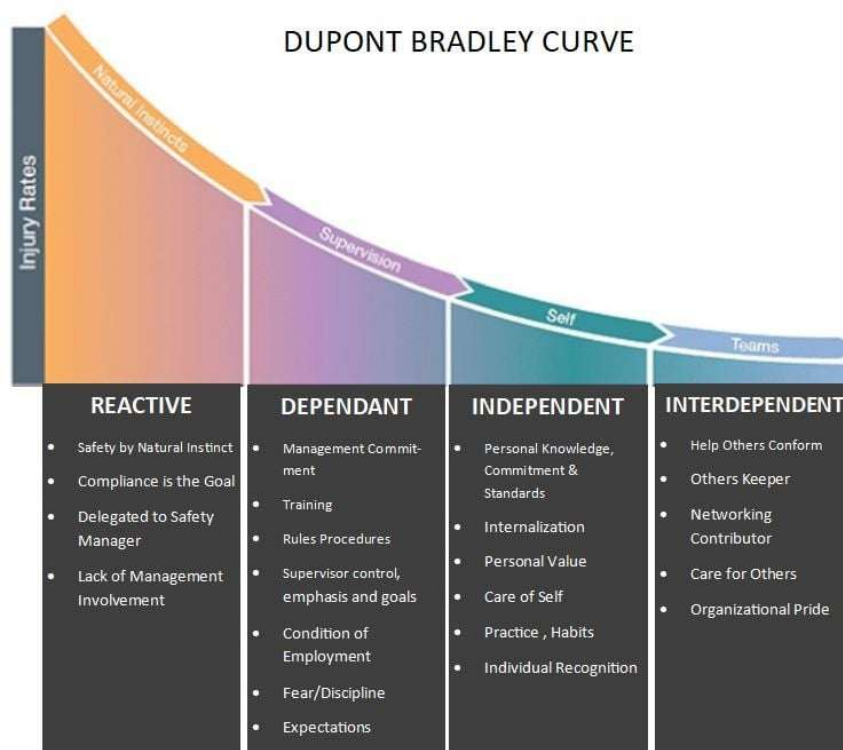


Figure 6: Dupont's Bradley Curve diagram (Martey Houseman, 2017)

DuPont's Bradely curve provides an illustration of safety cultural model in business that minimizes injuries and empowers employees to be safe. The company adopted Zero Incidents Philosophy, embedding safety into all layers of its operations (DuPont Sustainable Solutions, 2014).

3.11.3 Key actions included:

- a) **Behavior-Based Safety (BBS) Program:** Employees were trained to observe and report unsafe behaviors and minor incidents- even those without injury- so they could be corrected early (Cooper, 2009).

- b) **Root Cause Analysis for All Incidents:** Every minor incident or near miss was analyzed using formal tools like Tap Root methodology, identifying system failures and correcting them before escalation (Kepner & Tregoe, 1997; Unger, 2012).
- c) **Safety Observation Cards:** Employees submitted cards reporting unsafe conditions or minor hazards. These were reviewed weekly, and actions were tracked (Franklin & Clancy, 2019).
- d) **Management Involvement:** Leaders conducted regular site walks, engaging directly with frontline workers to understand the sources of minor injuries and encourage open dialogue (Reason, 1997; Hale et al., 2015).

3.11.4 Results:

- DuPont reduced its Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) year on year, often achieving less than 0.3 incident per 200,000 work hours, far outperforming industry benchmarks (Geller, 2001)
- Locations that had previously experienced serious chemical incidents reported zero injuries after consistent implementation of BBS and minor injury reporting.
- The company developed a global consulting business (DuPont Sustainable Solutions) to help others adopt similar practices, showcasing their success.

3.11.5 Key Takeaway:

Dupont's approach illustrates that systematically addressing minor injuries and unsafe behaviors not only improves overall safety but also creates a culture of shared responsibility. By focusing on leading indicators like near misses and small injuries, the company significantly minimized the risk of catastrophic events.

3.12 Case Study 3: Siemens AG – Leveraging Wearable Technology and AI for Injury Prevention

3.12.1 Background:

Siemens AG, a global engineering and manufacturing leader, operates in high-risk sectors including energy, automation and transportation. The company's vast workforce is regularly exposed to operational risks, particularly in its heavy machinery and production units.

3.12.2 Challenges:

Despite strong traditional safety protocols, Siemens observed that minor injuries like slips, trips, strains and near misses continued to occur across manufacturing sites, often due to human error, fatigue, or unsafe behaviors. These incidents, if left unchecked, pose a risk of escalating into major injuries.

Technological Intervention:

To proactively reduce minor injuries, Siemens adopted innovative digital safety solutions:

1. Wearable Sensors and Smart PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):

Siemens introduced smart helmets, vests and wearable hands equipped with sensors to monitor work movements, fatigue levels, and environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, noise, toxic gases). These wearables could detect unsafe postures, overexertion, and near fall events, sending real time alerts to supervisors (Sreekumar 2021).

2. AI based Predictive Analytics:

Siemens integrated data from wearables, CCTV and machine usage logs into AI platform to predict potential safety breaches. The System identified patterns such as increased minor strains in specific shifts or locations, enabling targeted interventions (Siemens 2022).

3. Virtual Reality (VR) Safety Training:

Workers were trained using VR simulations of real accident scenarios. These immersive sessions improved awareness and decision making in hazardous situations; particularly used for reducing mistakes that led to minor injuries (Forbes, 2021).

4. Digital Incident Reporting Tools:

Mobile apps allow employees to report minor injuries and near misses in real time using voice or photos. The collected data helped safety teams track trends and respond properly.

3.12.3 Results:

- Siemens reported a 30% drop in minor injuries across pilot sites within 12 months of implementing wearables and AI tools (2020).
- Early detection of unsafe behaviors led to timely coaching, reducing repetitive strain injuries and slips.
- Worker engagement in safety reporting increased by over 50% as the digital tools made reporting faster and more intuitive (2021).
- The predictive system flagged potential high risks shifts or work zones 72 hours in advance, allowing pre-emptive risk control measures (2021).

3.12.4 Key Takeaway:

Siemens demonstrates how technology can shift safety from reactive to predictive. Wearables AI and immersive training tools collectively empower workers and managers to prevent minor incidents before they occur- thus significantly lowering the risk of major workplace injuries.

3.13 Data Analysis Methods

3.13.1 Quantitative Data Analysis

Quantitative data was analyzed using Microsoft Excel and SPSS software. The primary statistical methods used included:

- **Descriptive Statistics:** Frequencies and percentages were used to summarize responses.
- **Chi-square Tests:** To test the associations between categorical variables such as job role vs knowledge about minor injuries and experience vs injury perception (Field,2018).
- **Cramer's V:** Applied to measure the strength of association in statistically significant Chi square tests (Pallant,2020).
- **T-tests:** Although initially considered, t-tests were not applicable to categorical data sets with no variability (e.g., all “Yes” responses)

These analyses provided evidence about the significance of the relationship between various demographic or organizational factors and attitudes towards minor injury prevention.

3.13.2 Qualitative Data Analysis

Qualitative was analyzed through thematic analysis guided by six phase frameworks developed by Braun and Clarke (2006)

1. Familiarization: Reading and reading transcripts
2. Initial Coding: Highlighting relevant data points
3. Theme Development: Grouping codes into broader themes such as “safety culture”, technological barriers, training efficacies
4. Reviewing Themes: Validating against raw data.
5. Defining Themes: Finalizing theme definitions.
6. Reporting: Incorporating themes into discussion.

Themes were cross validated with survey results to identify convergence or divergence in perspectives. In addition to interview transcripts, case study analysis (Yin,2018) of Alcoa, DuPont, and Siemens were integrated into qualitative stream. These case studies served as contextual exemplary, enriching the qualitative narrative and validating recurring themes observed in the primary data. Through pattern matching and cross case synthesis, case study findings were triangulated with survey and interview data to enhance trustworthiness (Creswell & Poth, 2018)

3.14 Ethical Considerations

This research adhered to ethical research guidelines as laid out by East Bridge University. Key ethical considerations included:

- **Informed Consent:** All participants were informed about the purpose of the research, how the data would be used, and their right to withdraw at any time.
- **Confidentiality:** Personal identifiers were anonymized. Data was stored securely and used solely for research purposes.
- **Voluntary Participation:** Participation in both survey and interviews was voluntary, and no incentives were offered to influence responses.
- **Non-Maleficence:** Care was taken to ensure that no psychological, reputational, or professional harm would arise from participation.
- **Data Integrity:** All responses were accurately recorded and analyzed without manipulation or selective reporting (Saunders, Lewis & Thornhill,2019)

3.15 Summary of Research Methodology

This chapter has outlined a mixed-methods research design combining quantitative and qualitative strategies to explore how preventing minor injuries can help curtail major workplace incidents. Surveys and interviews offered broad insights, while case studies provide depth and contextual

relevance. Quantitative analysis using SPSS and Excel includes descriptive statistics, Chi-square testing and Cramer's V to identify patterns in respondent behavior and risk perception. Meanwhile the quantitative analysis incorporating Braun and Clarke's thematic method and Yin's case study model, enabled deeper exploration of Organizational culture, leadership and technology. By triangulating findings across surveys interviews and real-world case examples, this methodology ensures that both analytical robustness and contextual accuracy. It offers strong empirical grounding to inform future safety policies, technological interventions and behavior safety cultures thereby enhancing both academic contributions and workplace safety practices.

Chapter 4: Results and Analysis

This chapter presents the findings of the research, examining survey results, interview insights and case study outcomes, followed by statistical and thematic analysis to address the study objectives.

Research Title: Preventing Minor injuries to curtail Major Workplace Incidents: Effective Strategies and case studies for safer Workplaces.

Objective: This survey aims to gather information from employees and safety committee members about workplace safety practices and strategies to improve workplace safety including minor injury prevention.

4.1 Demographic Information

The Survey received 95 responses from employees across four industry sectors. The distribution of respondents is as follows:

1. Manufacturing: 65 (69%)
2. Construction: 6 (6%)
3. Transportation: 7 (7%)
4. Office environment: 17 (18%)

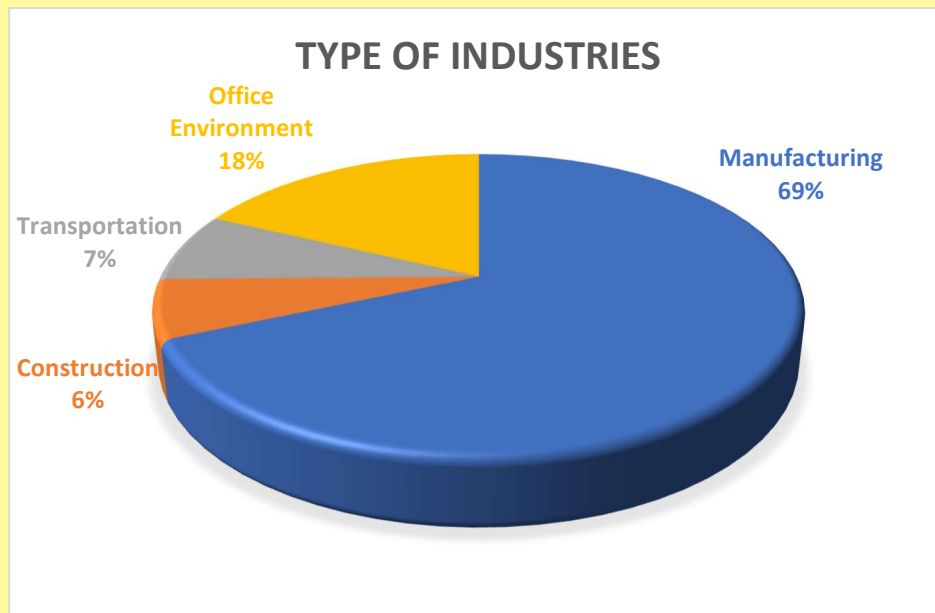


Figure 7: Results of type of Industries

4.1.1 Key Insights of Demographic survey results

1. Manufacturing is the primary concern (69%)

The high participation suggests that workplace safety, particularly minor injury prevention, is a key issue in manufacturing. Common injuries in this sector may include cuts, burns, repetitive strain injuries and equipment related accidents. This highlights the need for machine safety protocols, PPE compliance and frequent safety audits.

2. Low Representation from Construction (6%) and Transportation (7%)

Figure: 7 indicates even though the lower participation from Construction sector (6%) which is normally higher risk area in terms of workplace safety. Participants from Office environment (18%) are lower but still it is relevant for workplace safety. Transportation sector (7%) participation lowest but it is moderate risk area and has potential for accidents

3. Industries-Specific Safety Strategies are Crucial

- Manufacturing & Construction: PPE compliance, machine safety training, hazard reporting
- Transportation: Vehicle maintenance, fatigue management, proper lifting Techniques.
- Office Environment: Ergonomics, stress management, emergency preparedness

4.1.2 Summary of Demographic Survey Results

The survey aimed to gather insights on workplace safety practices and minor injury prevention across different industries. The survey findings are illustrated in figure:7 which highlights manufacturing (69%) as the primary focus due to its high response rate and inherent workplace hazards. Construction (6%) and transportation (7%) had a lower participation despite being high risk industries suggesting a need for better engagement in safety discussions. The Office representation (18%) indicates growing awareness of workplace safety beyond physically intensive jobs. Key insights emphasize the importance of preventing minor injuries to reduce serious workplace incidents. Industry - specific strategies, such as PPE compliance in Manufacturing, vehicle safety in transportation and ergonomics improvements in Offices are essential for improving workplace safety. The findings reinforce the need for proactive safety training, incident reporting, and hazard prevention measures to create safer work environments.

4.2 Organizational Roles

The survey gathered 95 responses from employees across different organizational roles, categorized as follows:

1. Workers: 5 (5%)
2. Technicians: 4 (4%)
3. Engineers: 14(15%)

4. Safety Team members: 40 (42%)
5. Supervisors/Mangers: 32(34%)

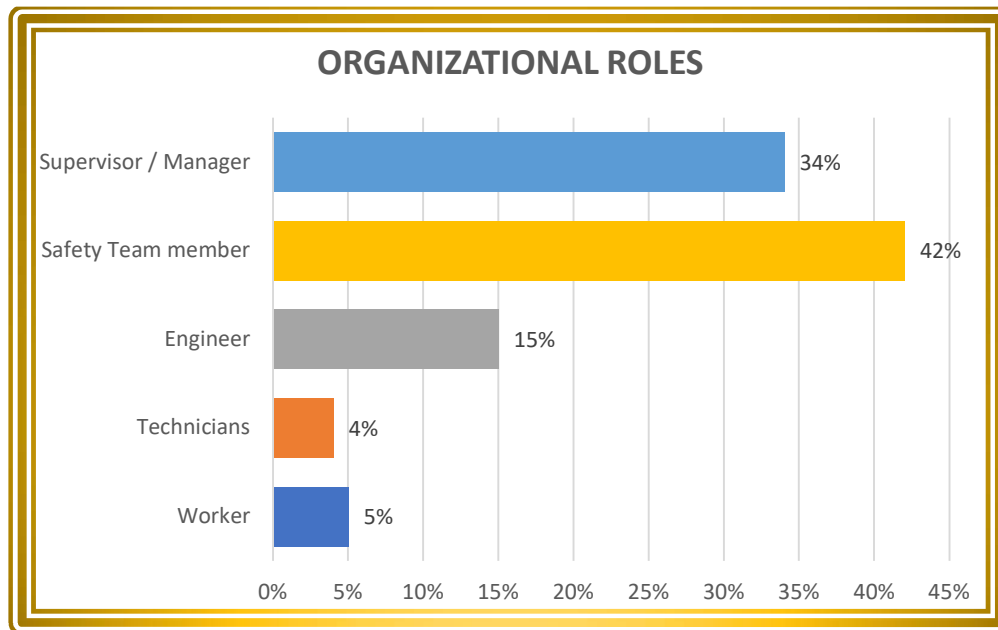


Figure 8: Distribution of Organizational Roles

Many respondents belong to safety-related roles, with 42% being safety team members (34%) being supervisors or managers. Figure:8 reveals a strong safety workforce, with leadership actively involved in workforce safety measures. However frontline workers (workers and technicians) make up only 9% of responses, suggesting limited direct input from those exposed to daily operational risks.

4.2.1 Benefits and Key insights

- **Strong representation of safety professionals and Leadership:** Figure 8 illustrates with 40 safety team members (42%) and 32 managers and Supervisors (34%), The survey captures perspectives of those directly responsible for enforcing workplace safety policies. Their feedback provides valuable insights on requirement of implementing safety regulations, training programs and prevention strategies.

- **Technical and Engineering insights:** Figure: 8 highlights that 14 Engineers (15%) share expertise in workplace design, equipment safety and process improvements which help to identify technical solutions for minimizing minor injuries and preventing major incidents.
- **Workers and technicians:** Figure 8 represents that lower participation (combined with 11%), but the feedback is critical since they face direct exposure to workplace hazards. So, these inputs can be the real safety challenges, shortfall of training and areas of improvement in safety hazards prevention.
- **Balanced Data for Analysis** shows that there are mix of responses from decision makers, enforcing team and frontline employees. It ensures that the responses are well rounded.

4.2.2 Summary of Organizational roles

The survey results through Figure:8 show a strong safety presence (42% safety team members) and management engagement (34%), highlighting a proactive approach to workplace safety. However, the low response rate from frontline workers (9%) suggests that those directly exposed to workplace hazards may not be fully engaged in safety discussions. Tentatively the responses from different roles help in identifying both policy level improvements and ground level safety needs.

4.3 Experience level

The Survey collected 95 employees with varying years of experience in their respective field. The distribution of experience levels is as follows.

- 1) Less than one year: 2 (2%)
- 2) 1-5 years: 8 (8%)
- 3) 6-10 years: 12 (13%)
- 4) More than 10 years: 73 (77%)

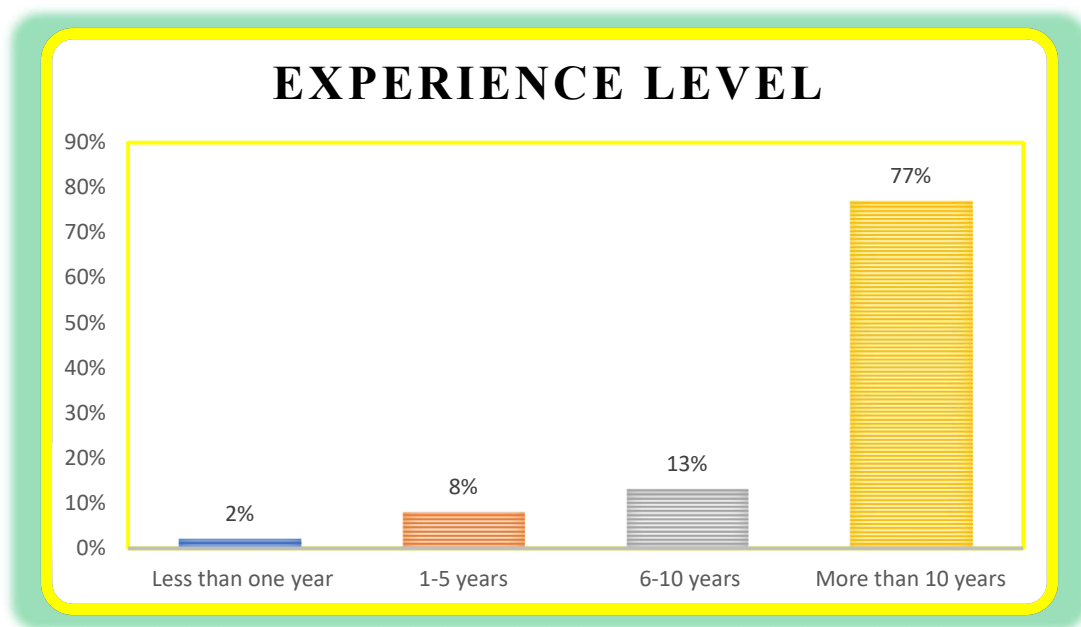


Figure 9: Experience Level of Respondents

Figure 9 reveals that most respondents (77%) have more than 10 years of experience, indicating that most participants are seasoned professionals with significant knowledge of workplace safety practices. Meanwhile only 2% of respondents have less than one year of experience, suggesting that insights from newer employees are minimal.

4.3.1 Interpretation and Key Insights on Experience level

- **High level of Expertise**

Figure: 9 highlights that 73 (77%) respondents (Over 10 years of experiences) the study benefits from a wealth of practical long-term insights into workplace safety injury and prevention. These seasoned professionals can provide in-depth case studies and evidence-based strategies based on years of experience.

- **Diverse perspectives across experience level**

Although the majority are highly experienced, the responses indicated in Figure:9 from those with less than one year of experience (2%) 1-5 years (8%) and 6-10 years (13%) offer

fresh perspectives and may highlight emerging trends or gaps in training and practices. This mixed response allows for a comparative analysis of perception between veteran professionals and newer entrants in the field

- **Enhanced credibility**

The predominance of respondents with over a decade of experience reinforces the credibility of the Research objective and strategies derived from this survey, as they are experienced by long term industrial practice. In fact, these insights can be used to identify the best practices and recurring issues in workplace safety over an extended period.

4.3.2 Summary of Experience Level

Most respondents have over 10 years of experience, adding depth and credibility to the study through seasoned insights. Meanwhile, responses from newer employees, through fewer, provide fresh perspectives, allowing for balanced analysis of evolving safety practices and identifying both enduring challenges and emerging trends.

4.4 Gender distribution

The survey responses categorized by Gender is as follows:

- 1) Male: 73 (77%)
- 2) Female: 22 (23%)
- 3) Other: 0(0%)

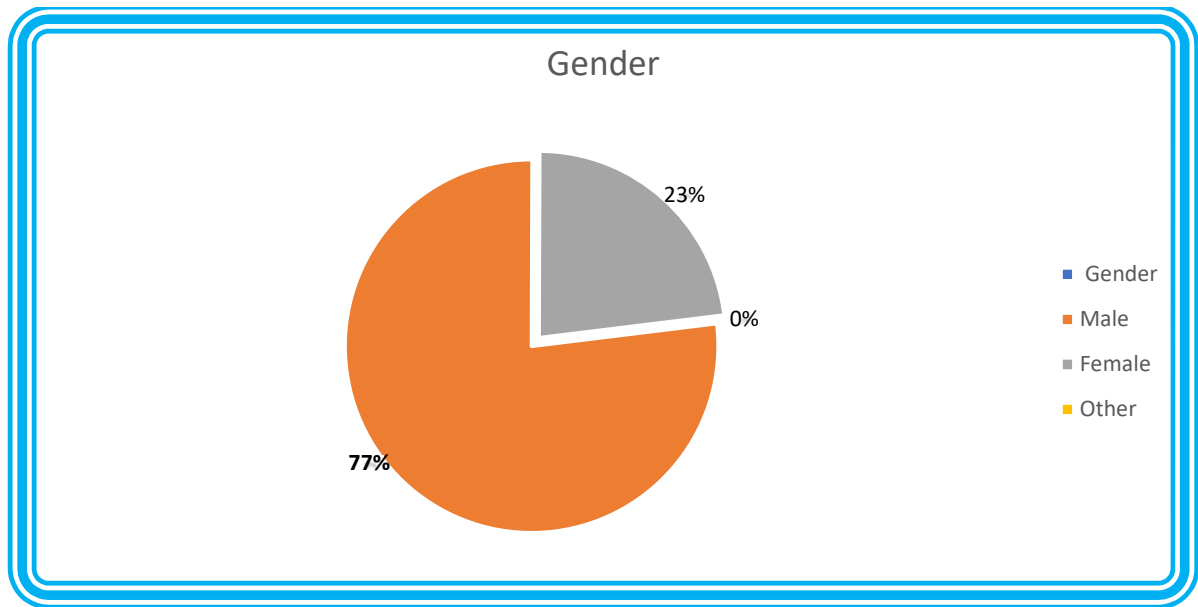


Figure 10: Gender distribution of survey respondents

4.4.1 Key insights and benefits of Gender Study

- **Understanding the workforce composition**

Figure 10 determines predominance of male respondents (77%) aligns with common trends in industrial sectors like Manufacturing. The information can contextualize the findings, as workplace safety challenges and risk perceptions may vary by gender.

- **Tailoring safety Strategies**

Knowing the gender composition may guide us in developing targeted safety communication and training initiatives. It could also highlight the need to address any gender specific safety concerns that may arise in predominantly male work environments.

- **Enhanced Data Validity**

A clear gender distribution helps that the analysis considers demographic factors, and it will potentially strengthen the validity of conclusions regarding workplace safety practices and strategies.

4.4.2 Summary of Gender Distribution

The survey results as per figure 10 indicates that 77% of respondents are male, and 23% are female, reflecting the traditionally male dominated nature of the industries surveyed. While women are present in these fields, their representation remains significantly lower, highlighting the need for inclusive safety measures and policies that address gender specific concerns.

4.5 Age group of Respondents

The survey collected 95 responses from 95 participants, categorized by age group as follows:

- 1) 18-25 years: 2 (2%)
- 2) 26-35 years: 15 (16%)
- 3) 36-45years: 8 (8%)
- 4) 46-55years: 17 (18%)
- 5) 56years and above: 53 (56%)

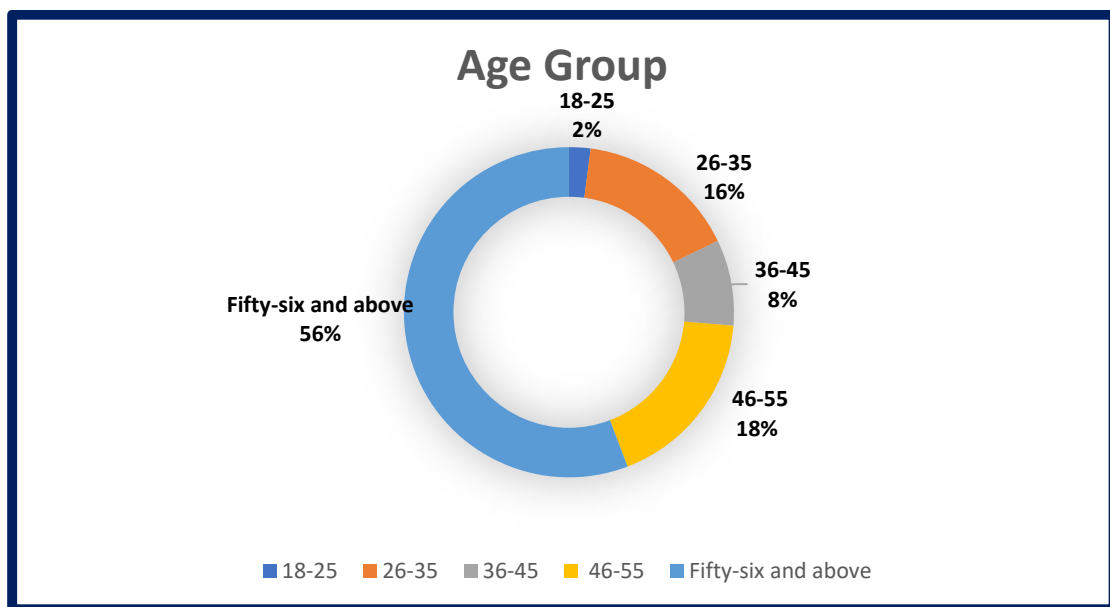


Figure 11: Age Group Distribution

4.5.1 Key insights and Benefits of Age group

- **Predominantly Experienced Respondents:**

Figure 11 indicates the largest group (56%) in the Fifty-Six and above category, the survey reflects insights from highly experienced individuals who have likely witnessed the evolution of workplace safety practices over the years. This age group can offer long term perspectives on how minor injuries and workplace safety incidents have been managed historically.

- **Generational Perspectives on safety:**

The mix of age groups allows us to explore how perceptions and practices regarding workplace safety may differ across generations. Younger respondents (18-25 and 26-35) might bring fresh views and an awareness of modern safety protocols, while older respondents provide insights based on decades of experience

4.5.2 Summary of Age group distribution

The age group distribution of respondents as per figure 8 reveals a significant view towards older participants, with the majority (53 respondents-56%) falling in the fifty-six and above category. Middle aged respondents also represent a notable segment 46-55 years with 17(18%) individuals while younger age groups are less represented. 15 respondents (16%) are between 26-35, 8 falls to 36-45 (8%) and only 2 are in the 18-25 (2%). This indicates that the survey largely reflects the opinion of seasoned professionals, whose long-term experience in the field may offer valuable insights into evolving workplace safety practices and the effectiveness of strategies to prevent minor injuries.

4.6 Correlation between minor and major injuries

Research Question 1: What is the correlation between minor and major workplace incidents in high-risk industries?

The survey collected responses from 95 participants regarding their awareness of the correlation between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. The results are as follows:

- Yes: 91 (96%)
- No: 1 (1%)
- Probably: 3 (3%)

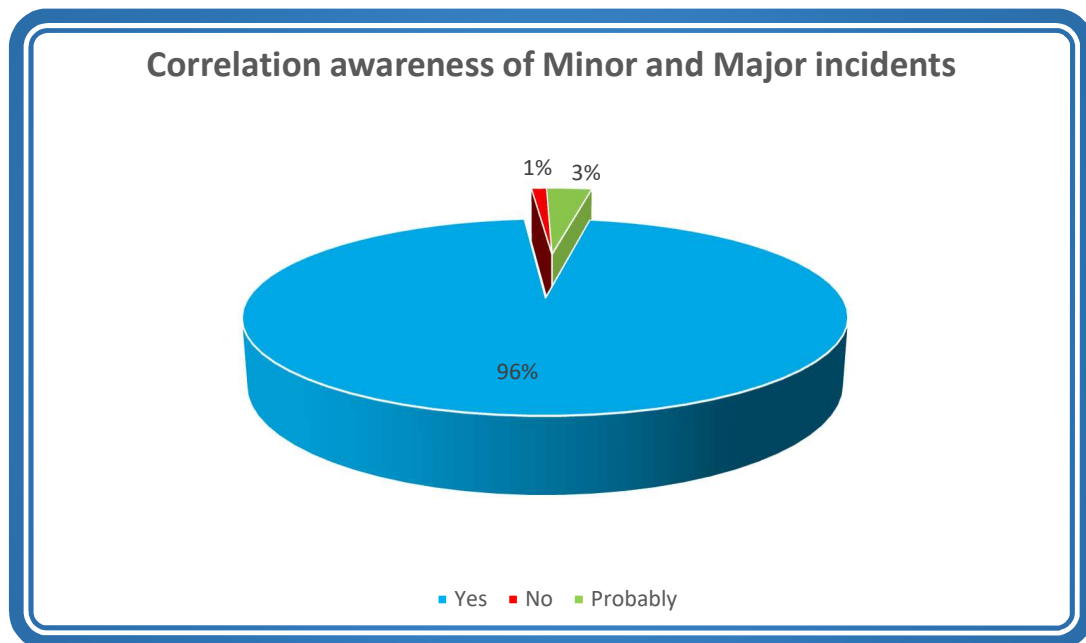


Figure 12: Correlation awareness of Minor and Major Incidents

Figure: 12 shows that a significant majority of respondents (91 out of 95, (96%)) recognize the potential link between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. Only 1 respondent (about 1%) denied this connection, while 3 respondents (3%) expressed uncertainty by expressing "Probably". This indicates a high level of awareness among employees and safety team members regarding the escalation of minor injuries into more serious incidents.

4.6.1 Key Insights on Correlation Awareness

1. **High awareness:** The overwhelming majority of respondents acknowledge that minor injuries are not isolated events but can be a predecessor to more significant incidents. This aligns with the principle of the safety pyramid, where minor events are seen as warning signs for potential major accidents.
2. **Preventive Mindset:** The acceptance that minor injuries can lead to major incidents indicates that there is a preventive mindset among work force. This awareness can be advocated to implement proactive safety measures and training programs.
3. **Room for improvement:** Although nearly all respondents are aware of the connection, the small percentage of “No and Probably” responses indicates that there may be a slight gap in understanding or confidence in this area. This could be addressed through targeted education and communication efforts.

4.6.2 Summary on Correlation Awareness

The survey data reveals that nearly all participants are aware that minor injuries have the potential to escalate into major workplace incidents. This high level of awareness supports the research title. Preventing minor injuries can curtail major workplace incidents. Effective strategies and case studies for Safer workplace. By underlining the importance of focusing on early injury prevention as a key strategy in improving overall workplace safety. The insights here can guide further research into specific strategies and interventions that effectively mitigate the risk of minor incidents developing into major accidents, thus enhancing safety practices in high-risk industries.

4.7 Correlation Level between Minor and Major injuries

The Survey gathered 95 responses regarding the perceived correlation between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. The responses are as follows:

- High correlation: 72 (76%)
- Moderate correlation: 20 (21%)
- Low correlation: 2 (2%)
- No correlation: 1 (1%)

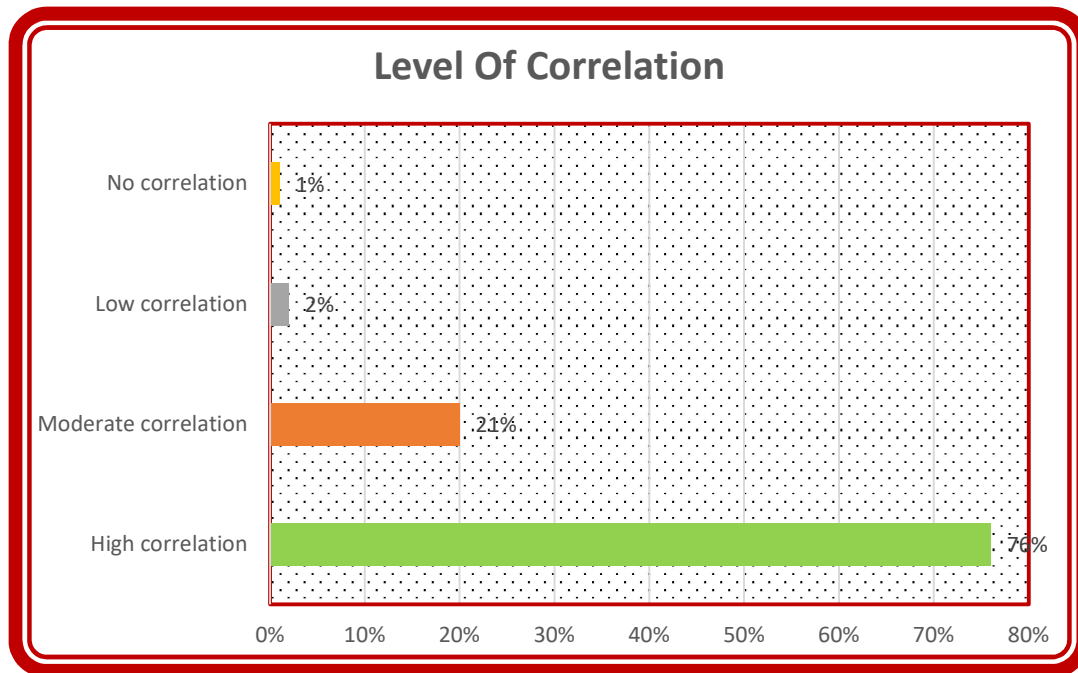


Figure 13: Level of Correlation between Minor and Major Injuries

The survey responses and figure:13 show that most respondents (72 out of 95, or 76%) believe there is a high correlation between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. An additional 20 respondents (21%) perceive a moderate correlation while only 3 respondents (3%) believe the correlation is low or non-existent. The results strongly suggest that most employees and safety committee members recognize the significance of minor injuries as root causes to major incidents.

4.7.1 Key Insights of Correlation Level

1. **Strong Link-** As per Figure:13, 97% of respondents (high and moderate correlation combined) acknowledge a connection between incidents, there are multiple minor incidents minor injuries and major incidents reinforce the Heinrichs safety Pyramid concept, which states that every serious workplace accident, there are multiple minor incidents and near misses.
2. **Safety culture Awareness-** The overwhelming agreement among employees indicates that workplace safety culture is well established, and there is general awareness that small injuries or unsafe behaviors can escalate into several accidents. This awareness is crucial for proactive intervention strategies. Dismissed or downplayed the correlation, the data highlights the necessity
3. **A Need for Preventive Measures –** Figure:13 indicates that there are only 3% (Low or No correlation) respondents dismissed or downplayed the correlation, the data highlights the necessity of focusing on minor injury prevention programs, near miss reporting and hazard control measures to prevent major incidents.
4. **Potential for policy reinforcements-** While awareness is high, these findings can be used to further strengthen workplace policies, training programs and reporting mechanisms to ensure that minor injuries and unsafe conditions are promptly addressed before they escalate.

4.7.2 Summary of Level of Correlation

The Survey results strongly indicate that employees and safety committee members acknowledge a significant correlation between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. Figure:13 indicates 97% of respondents recognizing at least a moderate connection, the

findings reinforce the importance of proactive safety measures, early intervention and injury prevention strategies. Figure:13 supports the research objective of preventing minor injuries to create a safer work environment, emphasizing the need for continuous safety education and robust reporting mechanisms in high-risk industries.

4.8 Effects of Unsafe acts

The survey gathered 95 responses regarding the belief that unsafe acts can lead to near misses, which may escalate into minor injuries and eventually result in major injuries if not addressed. The responses are as follows:

1. Strongly agree: 84 (88%)
2. Agree:10 (11%)
3. Neutral:1 (1%)
4. Disagree:0(0%)

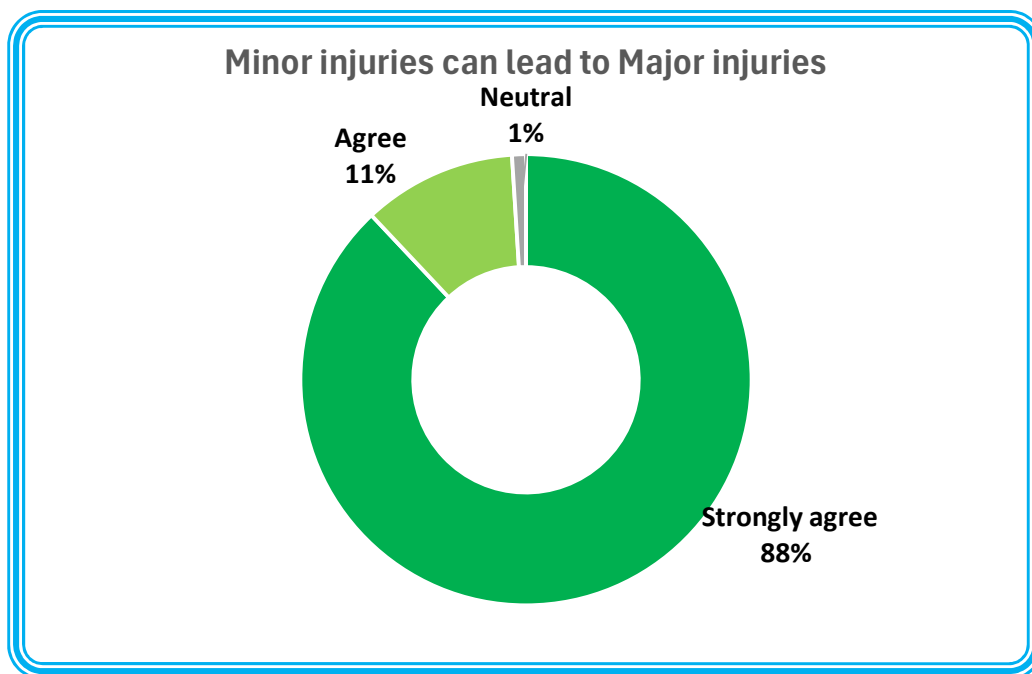


Figure 14: Perceptions of Unsafe Acts Leading to Workplace Injuries

Figure 14 demonstrates overwhelming agreement with the statement that unsafe acts can lead to near misses, which may escalate into minor injuries and eventually result in major injuries if not addressed. A vast majority 84 out of 95 respondents (88%), strongly agree, only 1% remain neutral, and non-agree, indicating a near universal consensus on the importance of addressing unsafe acts promptly.

4.8.1 Key Insights about Minor Injuries escalate into Major Incidents

1. **Strong Safety Awareness-** Figure:14 indicated 99% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing, it is evident that employees and safety committee members recognize the **progressive nature of workplace incidents**, where small safety violations can snowball into serious injuries.
2. **Support for Proactive measures-**These results reinforce the need for early intervention, hazard identification and safety training programs to prevent unsafe acts before they lead to major accidents. The data suggests strong workforce support for stricter enforcement of safety protocols.
3. **Minimal Resistance to Safety Policies-** Figure:14 represents, since no one disagrees and only 1% is neutral, it indicates minimal resistance to implementing proactive safety measures such as near misses reporting, behavior safety training and regular safety audits. This is a positive sign for organizations looking to enhance workplace safety.
4. **Aligns with Industry safety Models-**The results align with the established safety models, such as Heinrich Accident Triangle, which emphasizes that near misses and major injuries often lead to major accidents. Organizations can use this data to justify implementing continuous monitoring, risk assessments, and corrective actions to reduce workplace hazards.

4.8.2 Summary of Minor Injury vs Major Injury

The survey findings show that the employees and safety committee members strongly acknowledge the cause-and-effect relationship between unsafe acts, near misses, minor injuries, and major incidents. As shown in figure:14, with 99% agreement; there is strong support for early intervention and prevention-based safety programs. These insights reinforce the importance of workplace safety training, proactive hazard mitigation, and strict enforcement of safety rules to prevent small incidents from escalating into major injuries.

4.9 Common causes of Minor injuries.

The survey gathered 95 responses regarding the most common causes of minor injuries in workplaces. The responses are as follows.

- Human error: 54 (57%)
- Insufficient training:0 (0%)
- Poor maintenance of equipment: 0 (0%)
- Unsafe work conditions:1 (1%)
- All the above:40 (42%)

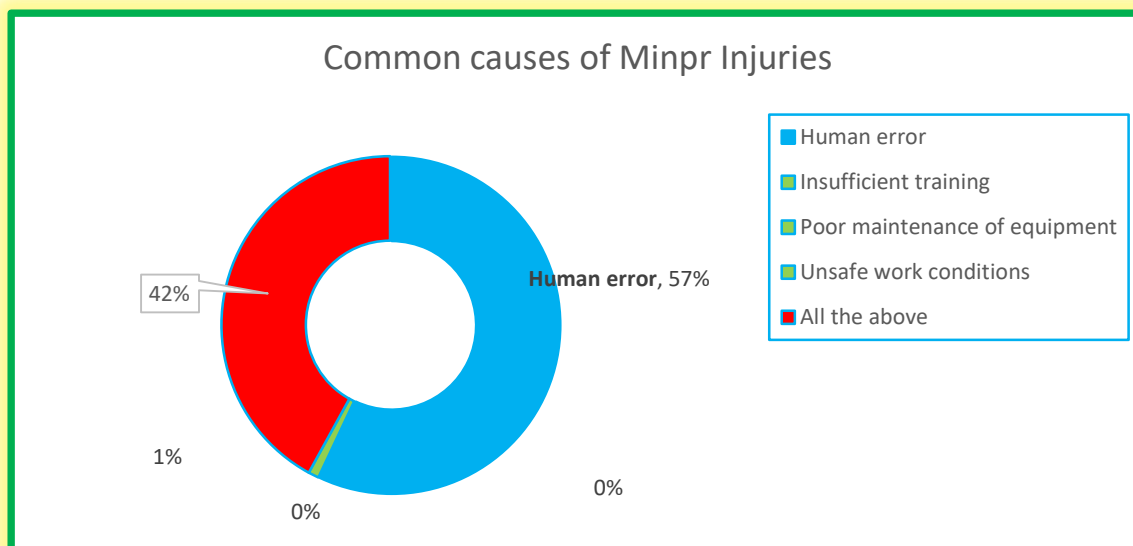


Figure 15: Common Causes of Injuries

The survey results in Figure:15 indicate that human error is the most identified cause of minor injuries, with 54 out of 95 respondents (57%) attributing incidents to this factor. Additionally, 40 respondents (42%) selected All the above. Recognizing a combination of factors- including insufficient training, poor equipment maintenance, and unsafe work conditions-as contributing to minor injuries. Surprisingly, insufficient training and poor maintenance as stand-alone causes, while only one respondent (1.1%) cited unsafe work conditions alone.

4.9.1 Key Insights about Common Causes of Injuries

1. **Human error as the primary Cause-** Figure: 15 illustrates that majority of respondents (57%) believe that human mistakes, lapses in judgement, or unsafe behaviors are the leading contributors to minor injuries. This suggests that behavioral safety training, situational awareness, and risk assessment programs could be effective in reducing incidents.

2. **Multi-Factorial Causes-** Figure 15 shows that 42% of respondents acknowledge that minor injuries often arise from a combination of human error, inadequate training, poor maintenance and unsafe work conditions rather than a single factor. This highlights the need for a comprehensive safety approach that includes both human environmental risk management strategies.
3. **Lack of Emphasis on Training and Maintenance-** The fact that no one selected insufficient training, or poor maintenance alone suggests that employees may not perceive these as isolated issues. However, when combined under All the above, they are all recognized, and maintenance needs to be reinforced as part of holistic safety culture rather than seen as standalone solutions.
4. **Opportunity for targeted Safety improvements-** Since unsafe work conditions cited by one respondent, it may indicate that workplaces already have good physical safety measures in place but need to focus on behavioral safety and proactive risk management.

4.9.2 Summary of Common Causes of Injuries

This survey highlights that human error is the most significant factor contributing to minor injuries in high-risk industries, with training maintenance and unsafe conditions playing a secondary but still significant role. Since a considerable number of respondents recognize multiple contributing factors, a holistic approach to workplace safety- including behavior-based safety programs, regular training, proper equipment maintenance and hazard identification- is essential. These findings support the need for proactive intervention strategies to prevent minor injuries and mitigate broader safety challenges.

4.10 Efforts to improve workplace Safety.

The survey collected 95 responses regarding the efforts organizations should take to improve workplace safety and prevent injuries. The responses are as follows:

1. Increase employee training and awareness: 8 (8%)
2. Foster a culture of safety: 4(4%)
3. Regularly review and update safety protocols:3(3%)
4. Unsafe work conditions:1(1%)
5. All the above:79(84%)



Figure 16: Steps to Improve Workplace Safety

The survey results as per figure:16 indicate that most respondents (76 out of ninety-two, or 84%) believe that a combination of multiple safety efforts is necessary to improve workplace safety and prevent injuries. A smaller number of respondents identified specific individual measures, such as increasing employee training and awareness (8 respondents,8%) fostering a culture of safety (4 respondents, 4%) and regularly reviewing and updating safety protocols (3 respondents,3%). Only one respondent (1%) cited unsafe work conditions as a concern.

4.10.1 Key Insights about Measures to Improve Workplace Safety

1. **Holistic Safety Approach Needed-** The overwhelming majority selecting “All the above” suggests that employees recognize the importance of multi-pronged approach to safety. This includes training awareness, a strong safety culture, policy updates, and hazard control rather than relying on a single measure.
2. **Training and Awareness are key Priorities-** The highest individual selection was “Increase employee training and more awareness” (8%) mentioned in figure:16 which aligns with earlier findings that human error is a leading cause of minor injuries. This highlights the importance of continuous education, direct safety training and awareness campaigns.
3. **Workplace Safety Culture Needs Strengthening-** While as per figure:16, only 4 respondents (4%) selected Foster a culture of Safety, the considerable number choosing “All the above” suggests that safety culture is seen as a critical but interconnected factor rather than an isolated effort. A strong safety culture ensures that employees proactively follow safety measures and report hazards.
4. **Proactive Safety Policy Reviews are important** – The low individual response shown in figure:16 for “Regularly review and update safety protocols” (3%) may indicate the employees either trust that existing policies are effective or may not be fully aware of the importance of periodic policy updates. Organizations should ensure that safety protocols are regularly reassessed and communicated to employees.
5. **Unsafe work conditions** are not a major concern as per figure:16 with only one respondent 1% selecting Unsafe work conditions it suggests that the physical work environment is perceived as safe. However, this does not mean organizations should overlook hazard identification and control measures.

4.10.2 Summary of Measures to Improve Workplace Safety

The survey findings emphasize that workplace safety improvements require a combination of efforts, including training, awareness, fostering a safety culture and regularly updating safety protocols. Figure 16 shows most employees (84%) recognize that these factors must work together to effectively prevent injuries. Organizations should prioritize continuous training, strengthening safety culture and safety policy reviews to maintain a safe working environment.

4.11 Efforts to Reduce Minor Injuries Can Reduce Major Injuries

The survey received ninety-five responses to the question of whether efforts to reduce minor injuries can also help prevent major workplace incidents. The responses were:

- Yes: 95 (100%)
- No: 0(0%)
- Not Sure:0(0%)

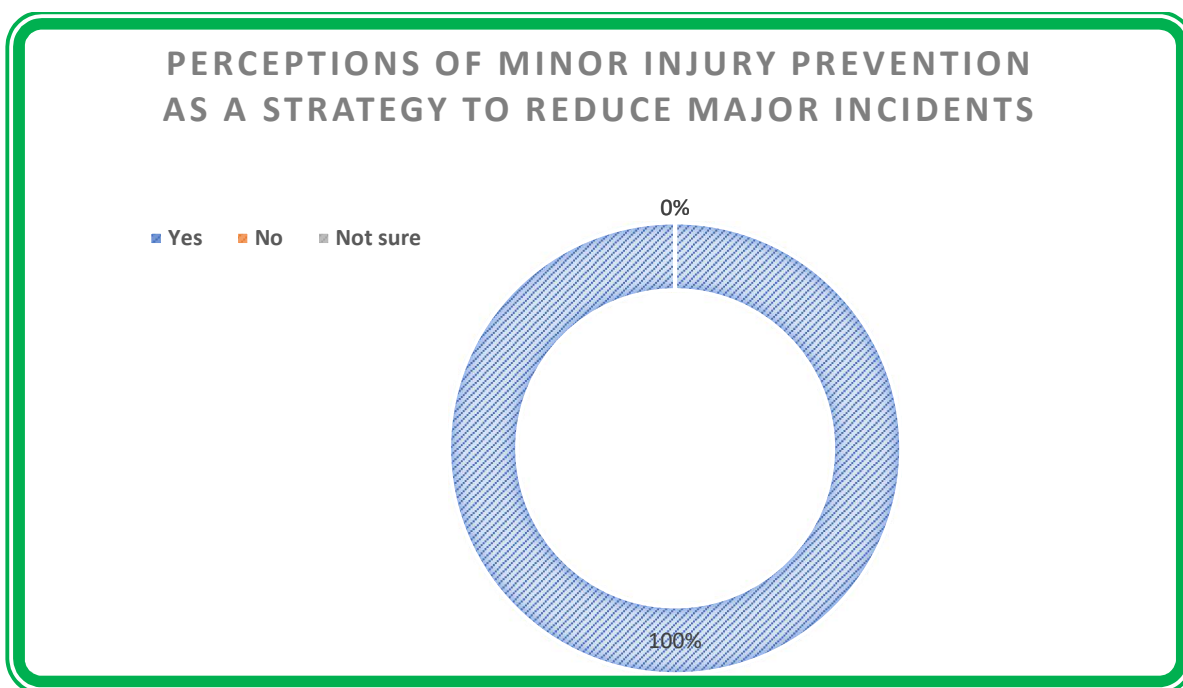


Figure 17: Perceptions of Minor Injury Prevention as a Strategy to Reduce Major Incidents

The survey results and figure:17 show unanimous agreement among all 95 respondents (100%) that efforts to reduce the causes of minor injuries can help prevent major workplace incidents. The strong consensus reinforces the idea that addressing minor injuries is a critical step in reducing overall workplace accidents.

4.11.1 Insights into Efforts to Reduce Minor Injuries vs Reduction in Major Incidents

- 1. Clear Recognition of the Minor -to-Major Injury Link-** The fact that every respondent agrees indicates that the employees and safety committee members fully understand and accept the relationship between minor injuries and major incidents. This aligns with the Heinrichs Law, which states that for every major accident, there are multiple minor incidents and near misses.
- 2. Strong support for Preventive Measures-** Since everyone agrees on the importance of reducing minor injuries, there is no resistance to implementing safety initiatives aimed at early intervention. This suggests that Organizations can expect full employee cooperation when introducing safety improvements.
- 3. Validation for Strategies-** The unanimous response provides strong justification for organizations to invest in initiative-taking safety programs, training and hazard prevention efforts, as employees acknowledge that small improvements in workplace safety can have a significant impact on preventing major accidents.
- 4. Opportunity to strengthen Organizational Policies-** Since the workforce agrees on the importance of reducing minor injuries, companies can enhance existing policies and safety procedures with confidence, ensuring that minor incidents are tracked, analyzed, and addressed before they escalate.

4.11.2 Summary of Efforts to Reduce Minor Injuries

The 100% agreement among respondents in Figure:17 highlights a strong awareness and acceptance of the fact that reducing minor injuring can prevent major workplace incidents. This data supports the need for preventive safety strategies, enhanced training, and proactive risk management in high-risk industries. Organizations should capitalize on the unanimous support to strengthen workplace safety policies and continuously improve minor injury prevention programs to create a safer work environment.

4.12 Strategies to Prevent Minor Workplace Injuries

The survey gathered ninety-five responses about the safety practices organizations adopt to prevent minor injuries. The response was as follows:

1. Routine safety audits:2 (2%)
2. Proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): 4(4%)
3. Daily Safety briefing:2 (2%)
4. Safety training programs and reviews: 5 (5%)
5. Regular risk assessments:0 (0%)
6. All the above:82 (87%)

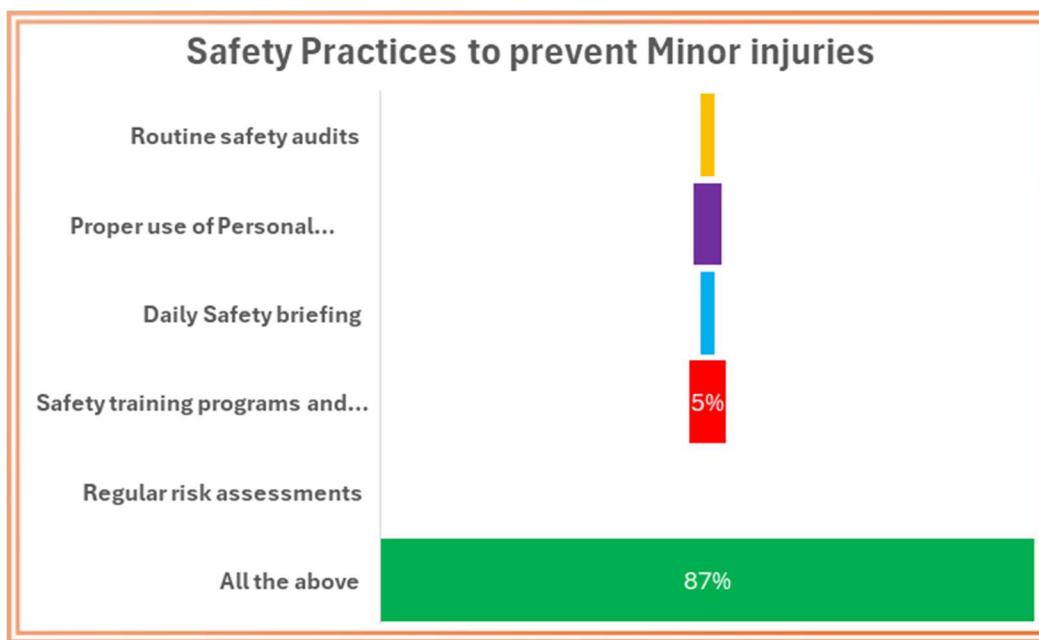


Figure 18: Strategies to Prevent Minor Injuries

The survey results and figure:18 show that eighty-two out of 95 respondents 87% believe their organization adopts a combination of multiple safety practices to prevent minor injuries. While some respondents (14%) selected individual safety measures. The overwhelming majority recognize that a comprehensive approach involving all the listed practices is being implemented.

4.12.1 Key Insights about Preventing Strategies

1. **Holistic Safety Approach Recognized**-The high percentage of respondents choosing “**All the above**” illustrated in figure:18 indicates that organizations understand the importance of multiple, interconnected safety measures rather than relying on isolated practices. This aligns with the best practices in high-risk industries, where layered safety interventions are most effective.
2. **Importance of Safety Training & PPE Compliance**- Figure:18 represents among those selecting individual options, safety training programs and reviews (5 respondents, 5.4%) and

proper use of PPE (4 respondents,4.3%) were the most frequently sighted. This suggests that employees value hands on training and compliance with PPE usage as essential components of injury prevention.

3. **Routine Safety Audits and Briefings Play a Role-**While only 2 respondents each (2.2%) selected routine safety audits and daily briefings, their inclusion in the majority response under “All the above” figure:18 (87%) shows that these practices are recognized but may not be individually emphasized. Organizations should ensure that these proactive measures are well structured and effectively communicated to maximize their impact.
4. **Lack of Recognition for Regular Risk Assessments-** Interestingly no respondents selected “Regular Risk Assessments” alone which may indicate that employees do not perceive these assessments alone, which may indicate that employees do not perceive these assessments as distinct practice but as part of overall safety system. This highlights an opportunity for Organizations to reinforce the importance of structured risk assessments as a preventive measure.

4.12.2 Summary of Strategies to Prevent Minor Injuries

The Survey results confirm that employees recognize a multi-faceted safety approach as the most effective way to prevent minor injuries. As per figure:18 mentioned 87% selecting “All the above”, organizations should continue implementing routine audits, PPE compliance, daily briefings, safety training, and risk assessments as part of an integrated workplace safety strategy. Additionally, enhancing awareness about the role of structured risk assessments could further strengthen injury prevention efforts.

4.13 Effectiveness of Preventing Strategies

The survey results indicate that many respondents believe the current workplace safety strategies are highly effective in preventing minor injuries. Out of 92 respondents:

- 80 (85%) consider these strategies “Very effective.”
- 9(9%) see them as moderately effective
- 1 (1%) remains neutral (Neither effective nor ineffective)
- 5 (5%) find them very ineffective.



Figure 19: Effectiveness of Minor Injury Prevention Strategies

4.13.1 Key Insights of Minor Injury Prevention Strategies

1. **Strong confidence in safety strategies-** Figure:19 demonstrate that that 94% of respondents (Very Effective + Moderately effective) believe these strategies indicate high trust in their workplace’s safety measures. Employees recognize that proper training uses routine audits and risk assessments play a crucial role in reducing minor injuries.

2. **Minimal Doubt or Neutrality-** Only one respondent (1%) remains neutral as shown in figure:19 which means very few employees are uncertain about the impact of safety measures. This suggests that most employees have either directly experienced or observed the benefits of these strategies in preventing injuries.
3. **Concerns from a small Minority-** While the number of respondents who believe the strategies are very ineffective as shown in figure 19, which is small (5 people, 5%) and their perspective should not be overlooked. Their concerns may be from inadequate implementation, gaps in enforcements or specific workplace hazards not effectively addressed.
4. **Opportunity for Continuous improvement-** Despite overwhelmingly positive feedback, organizations should still seek to identify and address gaps that may exist in their current safety protocols. Regular employee feedback, safety audits and refresher training programs can help sustain and enhance effectiveness.

4.13.2 Summary of Minor Injury Prevention Strategies

The survey results as per figure 19 indicate strong confidence (94%) in the effectiveness of workplace safety strategies for preventing minor injuries. However small groups (5%) perceive them as ineffective, suggesting the need for further investigation and continuous improvement in specific areas. To maintain and enhance workplace safety, organizations should gather feedback from dissenting employees, ensure consistent enforcement of policies, and continuously update safety measures.

4.14 Most Effective Steps to Prevent Unsafe Act to Major Incidents

The survey gathered 95 responses regarding the most effective strategies for preventing workplace injuries caused by unsafe acts escalating into major incidents. The results are as follows:

- Reporting of unsafe acts and near misses: 4 (4%)
- Conduct regular safety training and improve hazard awareness: 0 (0%)
- Enforcement measures to prevent minor and major incidents: 2 (2%)
- Analysis and corrective action for unsafe acts, nearly miss, minor and major incidents: 3 (3%)
- A combination of all the above actions: 86 (91%)

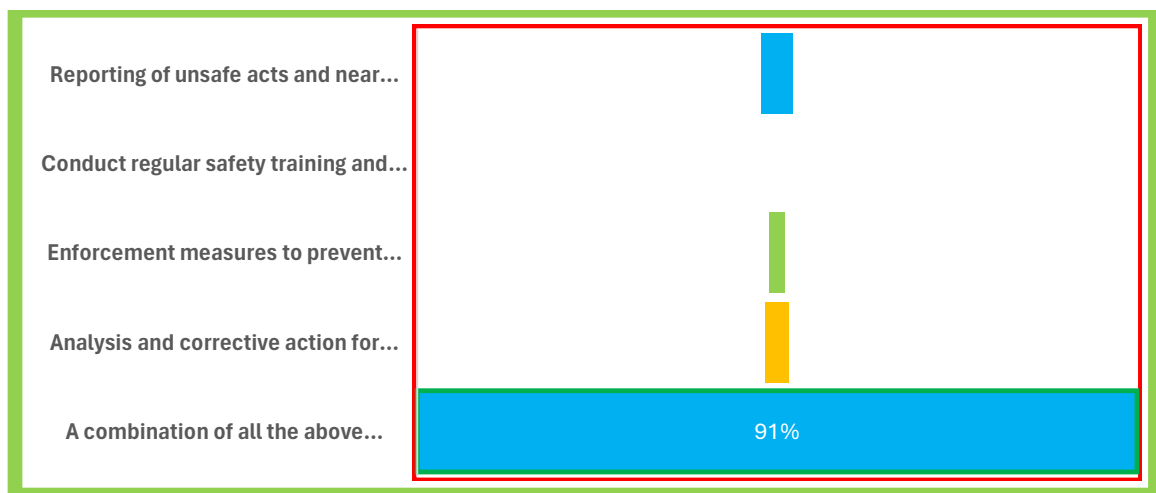


Figure 20: Preferred Strategies for Preventing Unsafe Acts Leading to Major Incidents

The survey results clearly indicated in figure:20 that most respondents (86 out of 95 or 91%) believe that a combination of multiple strategies is the most effective approach in preventing workplace injuries. Only a few respondents selected individual strategies, reinforcing the idea that no single action is sufficient on its own.

4.14.1 Key insights of the most effective steps to prevent workplace injuries.

1. **Comprehensive Safety approach is preferred**-The overwhelming majority as indicated in figure: 20 that 91% chose “A combination of all the above actions” highlighting the belief that

reporting unsafe acts, regular training, enforcement measures and corrective actions must all work together to create a safer workplace.

2. Limited Support for Individual strategies-

- **Reporting unsafe acts and near misses:** figure:20 represents four respondents 4% While essential this approach alone may not be seen as fully effective without follow up actions and enforcement.
- **Regular safety training hazard awareness:** figure: 20 indicated that no respondents, 0% The fact that nobody selected this as a standalone solution suggests that training alone, without enforcement or corrective actions not perceived as impactful.
- **Enforcement measures:** There were 2 respondents, 2% as shown in figure: 20 few people believe that strict enforcement alone can prevent injuries, indicating that employees recognize the need for a balance between rules, education, and proactive reporting.
- **Analysis and corrective action:** Figure: 20 points for unsafe acts, near misses and incidents (3 respondents, 3%) while important, this strategy alone may not be enough without preventive measures in place.

3. Reinforces the need for Multi layered Safety programs- The results emphasize that organizations should integrate all four key safety strategies rather than relying on only one aspect. This includes:

1. Encouraging proactive reporting of unsafe acts and near misses
2. Conducting regular safety training and hazard awareness programs
3. Implementing enforcement measures to maintain discipline and compliance
4. Performing thorough analysis and corrective actions for all incidents.

4.14.2 Summary of the most effective steps for preventing injuries.

The findings demonstrate that workplace injury prevention requires a multi-faceted approach, as figure: 20 represents 91% of respondents support using a combination of safety strategies rather than relying on a single method. To strengthen workplace safety, organizations should continue focusing on proactive reporting, training, enforcement, and corrective actions as part of the integrated safety management system.

4.15 Added Strategies recommended for reducing Minor injuries.

It was optional Question to respond on their own and there are 26 respondents recommended their views for added strategies to further reduce minor injuries in workplace

ID	Responses
1	Awareness and periodic audits
2	Prevention is better than cure.
3	The effort taken by the organization to train the employees. Strict implementation of safety rules. Continuous monitoring of work at site.
4	A culture wherein reporting of unsafe act, near-miss, incident is appreciated & further investigation as well as needed corrective action based on systematic assessment of root cause done. Then major workplace injuries can reduce effectively.
5	Teamwork and awareness
6	There are only three reasons for any accident 1- Lack of knowledge 2- Ignorance 3- Over confidence There is no 4th reason
7	Safety is everyone's responsibility
8	Those mentioned above
9	Initiating the right approach can have reliable results
10	Sharing of Information
11	More care
12	Calm working conditions with adequate RM supply in time and wearing PPEs will reduce minor injuries.
13	Behaviour based safety and encouraging employees to give their suggestions and observations is a great tool
14	Respecting Injury pyramid has a significant role in improving safety culture of organization
15	Proper safety at working place is important

16	The safety at a working environment is very much depends on the men, machine, and material available in that system. A well-trained and disciplined staff always go for proper way of attending work and adopt all safety measures in their activities. A well-designed safety environment always leads to safe work. Workmanship plays a key role in this. Avoiding shortcuts to complete a task will reduce the minor injuries that can percolate into major workplace incidents. The quality control on the procurement of raw materials and tools plays a key role in the quality and safety of the manufacturing process. The continual safety audit needed for creating a safety environment.
17	Analyse and correct the safety precautions regularly and update effectively.
18	Follow safety measures, remind ourselves about safety in the workplace. Conduct classes about safety apparently
19	Nil
20	Proper Training and Guidance of each person
21	Awareness
22	Organizations prioritize proactive approach to safety, focusing on preventing small incidents before they escalate into larger ones.
23	Proactive Safety Culture: Prompt response to minor injuries fosters a culture of safety awareness. Root Cause Identification: Minor incidents often reveal underlying hazards that can lead to major incidents. Improved Reporting Practices: Encouraging reporting of all incidents helps organizations identify trends and mitigate risks. Training Effectiveness: Insights into whether safety training is sufficient or needs improvement. Continuous Improvement: Helps refine safety protocols and preventive measures.
24	Correlation
25	HIRA Training Behaviour Based Safety Programs
26	Proper education

Table 1: Added Strategies Recommended for Reducing Minor Injuries

4.15.1 Key Insights of recommended Added Strategies

From 26 responses, several critical themes emerge that highlight how Organizations successfully reduce major workplace incidents by effectively managing minor injuries and unsafe acts.

4.15.1.1 Proactive Safety Culture

Many responses emphasize that preventing major incidents starts with a strong safety culture:

- **Early Response to Minor Injuries-** Organization that immediately address minor injuries builds up a culture of safety awareness, preventing escalation into minor incidents

- **Encouraging Hazard and Near Miss Reporting-** Workplace where employees feel comfortable reporting unsafe acts can proactively identify and fix risks before they lead to serious injuries.
- **Respecting the injury Pyramid-**Following Heinrich's safety pyramid, where minor injuries and near misses indicate potential for major incidents, helps companies analyze and mitigate risks effectively.

4.15.1.2 Training, Education and Behavioral Safety Programs

Several responses point out the importance of continuous safety education.

- **HIRA (Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment)** and Behavior -Based Safety (BBS) – Employees must be trained to recognize hazards and adjust the behavior accordingly.
- **Proper Training and Guidance-** Ongoing education, mentorship and refresher courses ensure that workers remain alert to risks.
- **Awareness and teamwork-** Fostering a collaborative approach to safety leads to better compliance and communication.

4.15.1.3 Strong Enforcement and Continuous Monitoring

Organizations that successfully reduce major incidents implement strict safety measures:

- **Strict implementation of safety rules-** Enforcing compliance with PPE use, hazard reporting and safe work procedures reduce preventable injuries.
- **Regular safety audits and inspections-** Continual evaluation of safety protocols ensure risks are identified and controlled.

- **Continuous Monitoring and corrective actions-** Companies must Analyze Workplace hazards regularly and take corrective action to prevent minor issues from escalating.

4.15.1.4 Addressing human factors to prevent accidents

One response noted that workplace accidents generally result from three key human factors.

- **Lack of knowledge-** Employees may not be fully aware of risks or correct safety procedures.
- **Ignorance-** Some may neglect safety protocols due to carelessness or underestimation of risk.
- **Overconfidence-** Experienced workers might ignore safety measures, assuming they are unnecessary.
- **Solution:** A behavior – focused safety program can help mitigate these risks by reinforcing the importance of compliance.

4.15.1.5 Avoiding shortcuts and Ensuring Resource Availability

Some response highlights that rushing work or lacking resources leads to unsafe practices.

- **Avoiding Shortcuts-**Workers must be encouraged to follow safety procedures rather than taking quick but dangerous approaches.
- **Ensuring adequate Resources-**Companies should provide proper tools, PPE, and raw materials to prevent employees from working in unsafe conditions.

4.15.2 Summary of Recommended Added Strategies

Organizations that have successfully prevented major incidents by addressing minor injuries focus on:

- **Building a pro-active safety culture** with hazard reporting and early intervention
- **Providing continuous training on risk assessment** and behavioral safety
- **Enforcing strict safety protocols** with audits, PPE compliance, and monitoring.
- **Addressing human factors** such as overconfidence and ignorance
- **Avoiding shortcuts and ensuring resources** for safe work practices

By integrating these strategies, companies reduce workplace injuries, improve safety culture, and create a safer work environment for all employees.

4.16 Approaches used to Prevent Major Incidents

What are the insights that can extract from case studies of Organizations that have successfully reduced major workplace incidents by addressing minor injuries? Based on the above research question, we can see that

- 1) Safety awareness: 9 (9%)
- 2) Encourage safety culture: 1 (1%)
- 3) Enforcing safety protocols: 0 (0%)
- 4) Adherence to safety regulations and policies: 0 (0%)
- 5) All the above: 85 (90%)

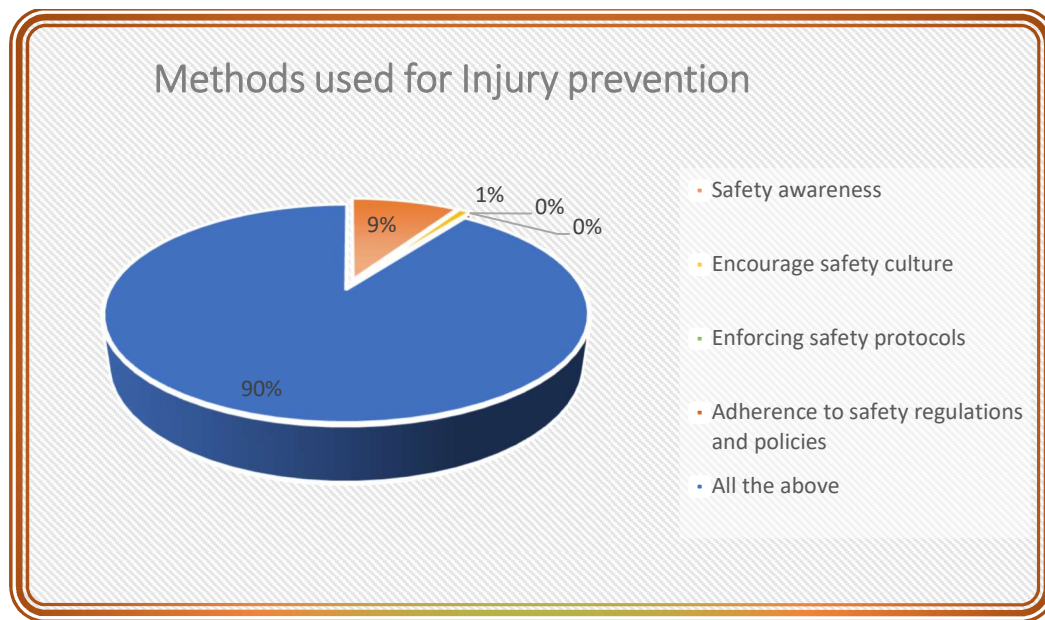


Figure 21: Methods used for Injury Prevention.

The responses to this question reveal that a comprehensive approach to injury prevention is favored by most respondents. A staggering 85 out of 95 respondents as per figure: 21 (90%) believe that a combination of safety awareness, encouraging safety culture, enforcing protocols, and adherence to regulations is the most effective way to promote injury prevention. Only 9% respondents (9%) believe that safety awareness alone is sufficient. Encouraging a safety culture (1%), was selected by only a single respondent, indicating that awareness and culture alone are not enough without enforcement. No respondents (0%) chose enforcing safety protocols or adherence to regulations as standalone solutions, suggesting that while these are critical, they must be part of broader strategy.

4.16.1 Key Insights on Techniques employed to reduce Major Incidents

The survey results highlight a strong consensus among respondents that a comprehensive approach to workplace safety is the most effective way to prevent injuries. Figure: 21 highlights an overwhelming majority (85 out of 95 - 90%) believe that injury prevention should incorporate safety awareness, a strong safety culture, enforcement of safety protocols, and adherence to safety regulations and policies. This finding suggests that organizations that successfully integrate multiple safety strategies are better positioned to reduce minor injuries and prevent them from escalating into major workplace incidents. While safety awareness as displayed in Figure: 21 (selected by 9 respondents- 9%), recognized as a vital component, that fact only one respondent selected encouraging a safety culture as standalone approach indicates that safety culture is often viewed as part of a larger framework rather than an isolated measure. Interestingly, no respondents considered enforcement of safety protocols or adherence to regulations as their sole method of injury prevention, emphasizing the belief that regulatory compliance alone is insufficient without complementary safety initiatives. These insights align with the best practices in occupational health and safety, which stress the importance of a proactive approach- not just following regulations but actively engaging employees, implementing continuous training, and fostering workplace culture that prioritizes safety.

4.16.2 Summary of strategies implemented to minimize injuries.

The survey underscores that organizations must adopt a holistic and proactive approach to workplace safety to effectively prevent injuries. Figure: 21 represents that most respondents (90%) support the integration awareness programs, cultural reinforcement of safety measures, and compliance with regulations. This confirms that combining multiple strategies leads to more effective injury prevention than relying on a single method. Overall, the findings reinforce the

critical role of employee engagement, continuous safety education, and strict adherence to safety measures in reducing minor injuries and preventing major workplace incidents. Organizations that successfully implement comprehensive safety programs are more likely to foster a safe work environment and minimize workplace risks.

4.17 Supporting examples to enhance safety awareness

It was optional Question to respond on their own and there are 25 respondents recommended their views respondents presented their opinion about examples to create and enhance safety awareness.

ID	Responses
1	Safety awareness programs, Strict to Safety rules
2	In our organization training of personnel, preventive maintenance of machinery and safety audits, conducted and therefore maintained an accident-free working atmosphere.
3	We have Training programs schedule for awareness as well as we encourage unsafe act, near-miss & incident reporting. Apart from that safety policies & regulations taken top priority.
4	Always wear safety shoes in the production area.
5	Training and awareness
6	A stitch in time saves nine
7	Everyone is equally responsible for maintaining a safety workplace around them. All should adhere to and act accordingly
8	Follow safety rules
9	We conduct safety brief every day at the site
10	Inform everybody if the incident and formulate preventive action
11	After accidents, only few people care about safety. So, organizations must be aware of all peoples
12	Safety awareness classes conducted regularly. Encourage them to wear proper PPEs.
13	Everyone's participation is important in incident reduction
14	The policy of organization shall ensure continual improvement by ensuring management and employees' participation.
15	Implementation of safety protocol, awareness of precautions for training employees in this regard and proper follow-up and regular inspection should done.
16	Employees must be aware of it and need to check periodically
17	The use of standard tools and materials with trained staff can result in safe work practices. Using personal protective equipment can ensure the safety of the employees. Exhibitions of display boards for safety working practices and encourage conducting safety seminars. The staff adopted maximum safety related aspects need to award properly.

18	No incidents of accident happened
19	Nil
20	Without Training of new joined persons, without regularly awareness programs will getting in trouble,
21	Training
22	From a safety committee that includes members from associate level to management level. Conduct regular awareness programs, safety audits, and actively seek feedback and suggestions for safe workplace
23	Our organization promotes injury prevention through regular safety training, hazard awareness programs, and encouraging the reporting of even minor incidents to address risks proactively.
24	Once safety awareness created it should result in a culture that shows concern
25	Timely check and awareness program

Table 2: Supporting Examples to enhance safety awareness

The survey responses highlighted in table:2 provide valuable insights into real-world safety practices and employee perceptions of workplace injury prevention. A common theme across responses is the importance of safety awareness, regular training, adherence to safety protocols, and proactive risk management. Most respondents emphasize that consistent training, preventive maintenance, and safety audits contribute to an accident-free work environment. Additionally, the encouragement of near miss and unsafe act reporting is highlighted as a crucial measure for preventing potential incidents from escalating. Several responses focus on personal responsibility in maintaining workplace safety. Statement such as “Everyone is equally responsible for maintaining a safe workplace and all should adhere and act accordingly” highlight the importance of employee involvement in fostering a culture of safety. Some respondents suggest forming safety committees to enhance communication and engagement across all organizational levels. Moreover, proper usage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and ensuring the availability of standard tools and trained personnel are identified as elements in injury prevention. Some responses also stress the need for management commitment, suggesting that safety should be an integral part of an organization’s culture rather than a reactive measure following an accident.

4.17.1 Discussion and Key Insights from Survey responses

- **Training and awareness-** Regular safety training, hazard awareness programs, and promoting a proactive approach to risk mitigation are essential.
- **Proactive Risk Management-** Encouraging near miss and unsafe act reporting help Organizations identify hazards before they escalate into serious incidents.
- **Safety culture and employee Responsibility-** Employees believe that safety is a shared responsibility and develop in workplace culture.
- **Use of PPE and Standardized Tools-** Proper equipment, materials, and training significantly reduces workplace risks.
- **Continuous Improvement-** Safety policies should ensure ongoing monitoring and inspections. And regular updates based on feedback from employees and safety audits.

4.17.2 Summary of Supporting examples to enhance safety awareness

The responses collectively reinforce the importance of a proactive, employee driven approach to workplace safety. Organizations that prioritize training, awareness programs continuous audits and a strong safety culture are more likely to prevent minor injuries and in turn, reduce the risk of major incidents. The findings suggest that effective injury prevention requires a combination of leadership commitment, employee engagement, and continuous improvement to maintain a safe working environment.

4.18 Emerging Technological Tools and Innovation

The survey results show that organizations prefer a comprehensive approach to using technology for workplace safety. The results regarding the tools and technologies which are suitable to monitor workplace safety are as follows:

- Wearables:8 (9%)
- Environmental monitoring System: 5 (5%)
- AI & Computer vision System: 1 (1%)
- Risk Analysis and safety apps: 10(10%)
- All the above:71 (75%)

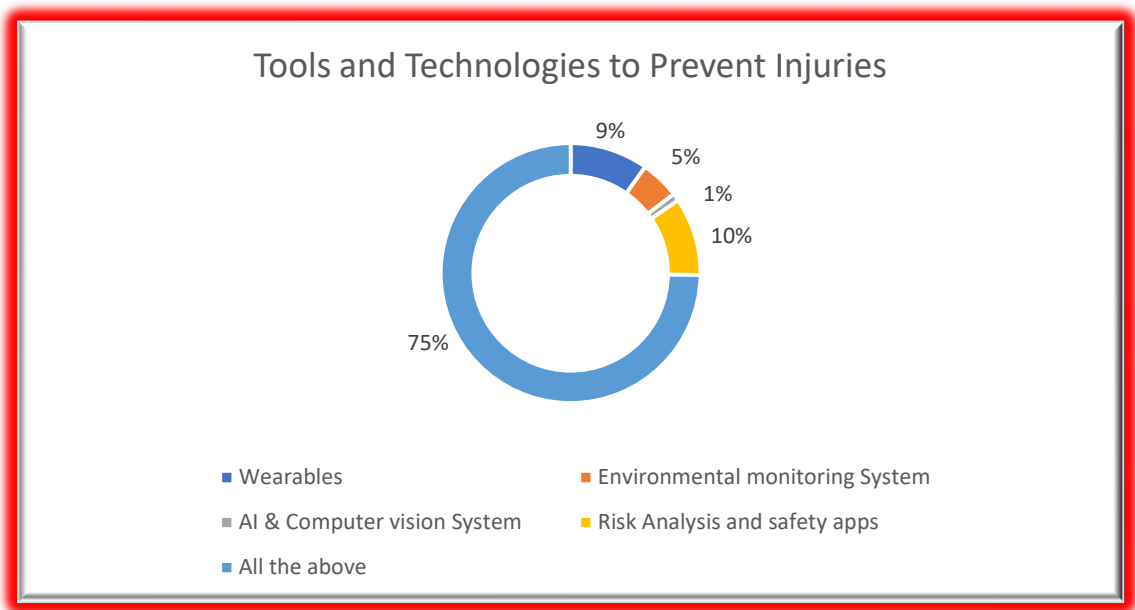


Figure 22: Perceptions Tools and Technologies to Prevent Injuries

The survey results highlight the increasing reliance on emerging technologies to monitor, manage and prevent workplace injuries. Most respondents as per figure: 22 (71 out of 95 or 75%) believe that a combination of technologies, including wearables, environmental monitoring systems, AI driven solutions, and safety applications, provides the most effective approach to workplace safety.

Figure: 22 highlights that wearable technology is one of the most widely recognized tools with 9% of respondents indicating importance. These devices, such as smart helmets,

motion sensors and biometric wearables, can detect worker fatigue, unsafe posture and exposure to harmful conditions in real time. Environmental monitoring systems, as shown in figure 22 that is selected by 5% of respondents, highlight their role in detecting hazards like air quality, temperature fluctuations, and gas leaks that may pose health risks. These systems enable early intervention and prevent minor hazards from occurring into major incidents. The figure: 22 displays, adoption of AI and computer vision systems is low (1% response) suggesting that these technologies may still be in early stages of implementation in most workplaces. However, AI driven systems can analyze worker behavior, identify unsafe practices, and automate real time hazard detection to enhance workplace safety. Figure 22 indicates risk analysis and safety apps received 10% of the responses, indicating that organizations find value in mobile-based solutions for reporting hazards, conducting digital safety assessments, and providing real time alerts to workers.

4.18.1 Survey Insights on Emerging Tools and Innovation

- **Combination of Technologies-** The most effective approach to workplace injury prevention involves a mix of wearables, environmental monitoring, Ai driven systems and risk analysis applications,
- **Wearable Safety Solutions-** These technologies are gaining traction for their ability to track worker movements, detect risks, and provide real safety alerts.
- **Environmental Hazard Detection-**Continuous monitoring of air quality, noise levels and hazardous substances plays a crucial role in **preventing workplace-related health issues.**
- **AI and smart Surveillance-**While currently underutilized, AI powered monitoring tools have the potential to predict risks and automate safety enforcement in the future.

- **Mobile Safety Applications**-Organizations are leveraging digital safety tools for incident reporting, hazard assessment, and communication of safety protocols.

4.18.2 Summary of Survey Responses about Emerging Tools and Innovation

The survey findings emphasize the growing role of technological advancements in workplace safety management. Organizations that integrate wearable sensors, real -time environmental monitoring, AI-powered analytics and digital safety applications can proactively prevent minor injuries and reduce the likelihood of major workplace incidents. As technology continues to evolve, companies must explore innovative solutions to further enhance workplace safety and foster a data driven approach to injury prevention.

4.19 Challenges in implementing technology for workplace incident prevention

The survey results reveal the key challenges in implementing technology for workplace incident prevention. Employee resistance emerged as the most significant barrier, with 50% of respondents indicating that workers are hesitant to adopt new technologies. This reluctance may stem from concerns about privacy, job security, or unfamiliarity with digital tools.

- Cost:16 (17%)
- Employee resistance:48 (50%)
- Lack of training:17 (18%)
- Limited Management support:14 (15%)

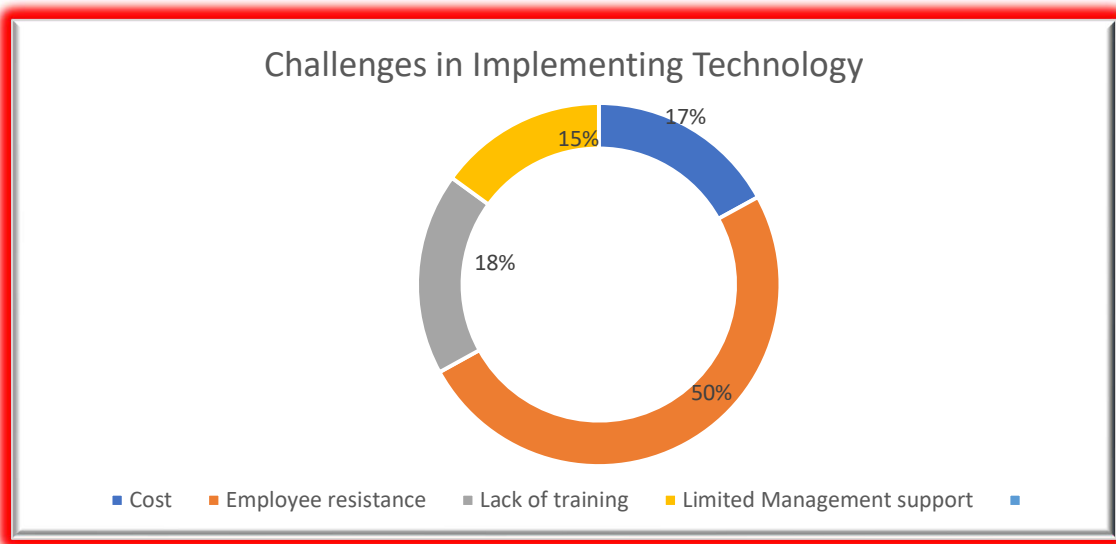


Figure 23: Challenges in workplace safety implementation

Figure: 23 demonstrates that lack of training was identified by 18% of respondents, suggesting that organizations may not be providing adequate education and support for employees to effectively use safety technologies. Without proper training, workers may struggle to understand the benefits and functionalities of these innovations, leading to underutilization. Cost constraints (figure:23) were cited by 17% of respondents, highlighting the financial burden associated with purchasing, implementing, and maintaining safety technologies. While some organizations recognize the long-term benefits, the initial investment required for tools like wearables, AI driven monitoring systems, and Real time hazard detection may be deterrent.

Limited management support was noted by 15% of respondents shown in figure:23, indicating that leadership building is also a challenge. When management does not actively prioritize, fund, or enforce the use of safety technologies, implementation efforts may reluctance due to privacy concerns, far be ineffective. Without strong leadership backing, workplace safety innovations may fail to integrate into daily operations.

4.19.1 Key Insights of Challenges in workplace safety implementation

- **Employee Resistance-** The biggest challenge in adopting safety technology is **overcoming worker reluctance** due to privacy concerns, fear of surveillance, or lack of familiarity with digital tools.
- **Need for Training programs-** Many organizations struggle with a **lack of structured training**, preventing employees from effectively using safety technologies.
- **Costs like Barrier-** Financial constraints can limit the adoption of **advanced safety technologies**, particularly for small or mid-sized companies.
- **Management support is Crucial-** Without top-down commitment and investment, safety technology initiatives may not gain traction or be effectively implemented.

4.19.2 Summary of Challenges in workplace safety implementation

While emerging technologies have the potential to significantly reduce workplace incidents, their successful implementation depends on addressing employees' concerns, investing in training, securing financial resources, and gaining strong management support. Organizations should focus on educating employees about the benefits of these technologies, providing hands on training, and ensuring leadership commitment to drive a culture of safety through innovation.

4.20 Frequency of updating Safety Technologies in workplace

The survey received 95 responses to the question about the frequency of reviewing and upgrading safety technologies to prevent workplace injuries and the results are:

- a) Regularly: 75 (79%)
- b) Occasionally: 16 (17%)
- c) Rarely: 3 (3%)
- d) Never: 1 (1%)

The survey results highlight the commitment of Organizations to review and upgrading safety technologies to prevent workplace injuries. A majority (79%) of respondents stated that their organizations regularly update safety technologies, demonstrating a proactive approach to workplace safety. This suggests that many companies recognize the importance of staying current with technological advancements to mitigate risks effectively.

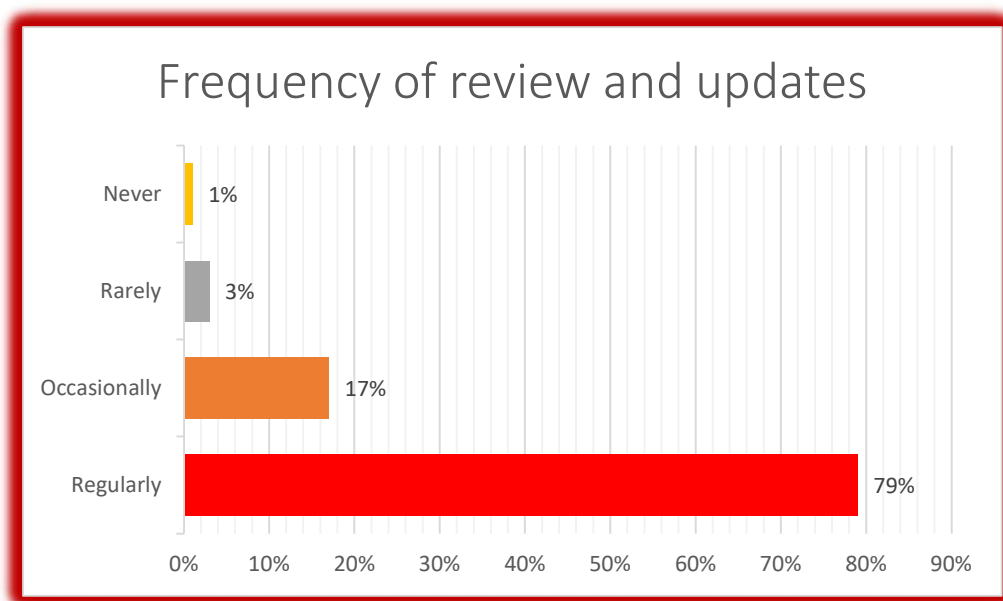


Figure 24: Frequency of Workplace Safety Technology

However, 17% of respondents (figure:24) indicated that safety technology upgrades happen only occasionally, which may pose a challenge in addressing emerging workplace hazards. The intermittent approach may be due to budget limitations, lack of urgency, or a reactive safety culture rather than a pro-active one. Figure: 24 shows small percentage (1%) of respondents noted that their organizations rarely may fail to address evolving risks, leading to increased incidents. Or never review safety technologies. This raises concerns about potential gaps in workplace safety measures, as outdated technologies may fail to address evolving risks, leading to increased incidents. Organizations that do not actively update their safety systems risk falling behind in compliance, efficiency, and worker protection.

4.20.1 Insights into updating Safety Technologies in the workplace.

- **Pro-active safety culture-** A majority (79%) of Organizations shown in figure:24 regularly review and upgrade safety technologies, reflecting a strong commitment to continuous improvement.
- **Room for improvements-** 17% of organizations (figure:24) update safety technologies only occasionally, indicating the need for more consistent monitoring and upgrades.
- **Potential Risk Areas-** A small fraction (2%) of organizations rarely or never updates safety technologies, which could lead to increased safety risks and noncompliance with evolving industry standards.

4.20.2 Summary of Safety Tech updates in workplace.

Overall, most organizations demonstrate a commitment to upgrading safety technologies as part of their injury prevention strategy. However, some companies may need to adopt a more structured approach to review and implement safety innovations to ensure their workplaces remain safe, compliant and equipped to handle emerging risks. Regular assessments and upgrades can enhance hazard detection, improve worker protection, and reduce minor injuries before they escalate into major incidents.

4.21 Emerging Technologies to Enhance Safety

It was optional Question to respond on their own and there are 25 respondents expressed their views about emerging technologies to be implemented:

ID	Responses
1	Yes
2	AI / Computer aided
3	Not much. It is more to self-awareness and training
4	Management commitment
5	Give proper training to everyone and always monitor for the accident-free workplace
6	Awareness
7	Monitoring system
8	AI
9	A
10	AI & Computer analysis of case studies and work environment.
11	Not sure
12	Behavioural improvement and Incident reporting.
13	CCTV, AI & Computer vision program, Educate the employees properly
14	Must give proper orientation Timely checking Safety awareness program
15	Proper lighting, adoption of safe working practices, appropriate PPE kits and training of staff can enhance safety and prevent injuries. Usage of contact, less equipment and laser assisted temperature measuring instruments. Remote sensing equipment plays a significant role in the safe working of personnel.
16	Training
17	Nil
18	Proper guidance of notification by written board, by examples of pictures,
19	Safety audits
20	I believe that technologies like wearable sensors and AI tools enhance safety and prevent minor injuries
21	Emerging technologies like wearable sensors for real-time health monitoring, AI-powered video analytics for hazard detection, and IoT-connected equipment for pro-active maintenance can enhance safety and prevent minor injuries.
22	Unaware
23	Sensors/interlocking systems
24	Awareness program and safety precautions Toolbox meeting
25	Depends on industry

Table 3 Emerging Technologies to enhance Safety

The survey responses through Table:3 highlight a range of emerging technologies that could be implemented to enhance workplace safety and prevent minor injuries. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer aided systems were frequently mentioned, with respondents recognizing their potential in hazard detection, real time monitoring and predictive analytics. Several participants

suggested using wearable sensors and Internet of Things (IoT) connected equipment for real-time health monitoring and proactive maintenance, which can help in early detection of risks before they escalate. Other responses emphasized the importance of safety awareness, training and behavioral improvements, indicating that technology alone cannot eliminate workplace risks- it must be complimented by a strong safety culture. CCTV monitoring, interlocking systems, and environmental sensors were also suggested as effective tools for improving safety measures. Some responses noted enhance workplace safety, particularly in high-risk environments. A small number of respondents were uncertain about emerging technologies, suggesting the need for more education and awareness regarding advancements in workplace safety innovations.

4.21.1 Key Insights of survey results about Emerging Technologies

- **AI and computer Vision-** Many respondents AI powered analytics, CCTV monitoring, and machine learning tools as effective technologies for detecting hazards, analyzing incidents, and improving safety protocols.
- **Wearable sensors and IoT-Real time health monitoring** wearables and IoT connected devices were seen as crucial in proactive injury prevention and equipment maintenance.
- **Training and Behavioral Safety-** Despite technological advancements, proper training, awareness programs and behavior-based safety initiatives remain essential for injury prevention.
- **Environmental and workplace modifications-**Proper lighting, PPE, interlocking systems, and remote sensing devices were identified as key elements for enhancing safety in various industries.
- **Need for Awareness on emerging technologies-** Some respondents were unsure about the latest safety technologies, indicating a gap in knowledge that organizations need to address through education and awareness programs.

4.21.2 Summary of survey results about Emerging Technologies

The survey results suggest that a combination of emerging technologies and proactive safety measures can significantly reduce minor injuries in the workplace. While AI, wearable sensors, and IoT provide powerful tools for monitoring and predicting hazards, they must be integrated with intense training programs, behavioral safety practices, and environmental safety measures. Organizations should focus on educating employees about these innovations and ensuring management commitment to implementing them effectively.

4.22 Challenges in Preventing Minor Injuries in Organizations

It was optional Question to respond on their own and there are 31 respondents recommended their views highlighted their opinion regarding the main challenges of Organizations face in preventing minor injuries:

ID	Responses
1	Reporting of near miss incidents
2	Worker's attitude
3	Worker's knowledge
4	Challenges from contract labourers
5	No challenge
6	Using Short cut methods to finish the work early
7	Improve training
8	Cost
9	Careless
10	Time and cost
11	Raw material not available in time
12	Not sure
13	Cost
14	Depends on organization
15	Ours is a very vast organization spread across the country and implementation of an idea requires meticulous planning and time consuming. Since the organization is well disciplined, it is much easier to train staff for any novel ideas.
16	Safety training and coaching
17	Lack of knowledge to face an immediate situation
18	Limited workforce

19	Human errors, carelessness
20	Follow up
21	Varun
22	Employees do not follow safety measures
23	Cost, target production rates
24	Limited management support and the worker's attitude.
25	Employee apathy
26	Making staff aware about it
27	The practices which were already in place
28	Noncompliance
29	Indiscipline work force
30	Not taking things seriously
31	Employee hesitation to adhere safety regulations.

Table 4: Challenges in Preventing Minor Injuries

The survey results in table:4 highlight several challenges that organizations face in preventing minor workplace injuries. A significant concern is employee behavior and attitude, with multiple respondents citing carelessness, noncompliance, and resistance to safety measures as primary issues. Worker's knowledge gaps and lack of proper training are also identified as barriers emphasizing the need for continuous education and awareness programs. Another key challenge is the use of shortcuts to complete tasks quickly, which compromises safety standards. Additionally, contract workers present a unique challenge, as they may not be as familiar with organizational safety protocols or may lack the same level of training as full-time employees. Human errors and negligence were repeatedly mentioned, further reinforcing the importance of behavior-based safety training. Cost constraints were highlighted as a major issue, particularly in implanting new safety technologies and training programs. Some respondents also mentioned the time limitations as the difficulty of balancing safety with production targets. Limited management support and original size were noted as challenges in ensuring uniform safety implementation across large workplaces.

4.22.1 Challenges in Preventing Minor Injuries: Key Insights

- **Employee Attitude and Behavior**-Resistance to adhering to safety measures, careless behavior, and employee apathy were among the most common challenges.
- **Training and knowledge gaps**- Many employees, including contract workers, lack sufficient safety training, making it difficult to enforce safety protocols.
- **Shortcuts and Noncompliance**- The tendency to take shortcuts to speed up work compromises workplace safety and increases minor injury risks.
- **Cost and Resource Constraints**- The financial burden of safety training, equipment and monitoring tools is a concern for many organizations.
- **Management and Implementation Barriers**- Some organizations struggle with limited Management support, follow ups, and enforcement of safety regulations, especially in large or decentralized workplaces.

4.22.2 Summary Challenges in Preventing Minor Injuries in Organizations

The responses indicate that human factors, financial constraints, and organizational challenges are primary barriers to prevent minor injuries. Organizations must focus on behavior-based safety, continuous training, and strict enforcement of safety policies to address these challenges effectively. Additionally, strong management commitment and investment in cost effective safety solutions are crucial for ensuring a safe and complaint workplace environment.

4.23 Measures to Protect workplace Safety

It was optional Question to respond on their own and there are 32 respondents recommended their views expressed their opinion about further steps to be taken to better address workplace safety to reduce minor as well as major workplace incidents.

ID	Responses
1	Encourage employees to report near missed incidents and do preventive actions.
2	Continuous training, preventive maintenance, and regular safety audit
3	Awareness training and follow up
4	Introducing safety culture
5	Better understanding and co ordination
6	Should not be overloaded for obtaining more output
7	Arrange safety training courses
8	Regular checking of workplace and frequent reminder in importance of work safety
9	Awareness
10	Better tools and tools update (renew) after period
11	Regular employees training and procurement of raw materials in time.
12	Many
13	Frequent review of Key point index (KPI)
14	Injuries must be reduced by modern technologies
15	Periodic check
16	implementation of safety standards for men, machine and materials is of paramount importance. The quality of these constituents affects the safety standards of the working environment. Freq
17	Employee training, empowerment, continuous monitoring
18	Updating safety environment
19	Enforce Dare to care culture
20	Written letters, and easy understanding pictures
21	Training
22	Educate employees
23	Conduct daily SUM with safety as priority
24	Main challenges include lack of consistent reporting of minor incidents, employee complacency in safety practices, limited awareness of hazards, and difficulty in identifying root causes before they escalate into key issues.
25	Implement strict protocols and toughest penalties for not following safety standards
26	Development of Safety culture and protocol
27	A proper plan does act cycle should be there. Include all departments and make everyone responsible
28	Training
29	Regular meeting
30	Safety awareness through counselling
31	Awareness campaign
32	Report and discuss minor injuries and even nearly misses too to achieve an accident-free workspace

Table 5: Measures to Protect Workplace Safety

The survey results in table: 5 indicate that organizations must adopt a proactive and multi-faceted approach to workspace safety to effectively reduce incidents and prevent minor injuries from escalating into major incidents. A strong safety culture, continuous training, and enforcements of safety protocols emerged as critical themes in response. One of the most emphasized aspects is encouraging employees to report near-missed incidents and take preventive actions.

Many respondents believe that frequent safety training, awareness programs, and regular workplace safety audits are essential in fostering a safe work environment. Some highlighted the importance of modern safety technologies, such as improved tools, equipment updates and frequent review of key performance indicators (KPIs) to ensure continuous improvement in workplace safety.

Additionally, safety culture development was identified as a fundamental requirement. Suggestions included enforcing a “Dare to Care” culture, increasing coordination and communication between employees and management, and ensuring that safety is treated as a top priority in daily meetings.

Some respondents also stressed the need for clear communication methods, such as written instructions and visual aids (easy-to-understand safety posters and pictorial guidelines) to reinforce safety measures effectively. Another key point is accountability and enforcement- some respondents advocated for strict safety protocols and penalties for noncompliance to ensure adherence. Others mentioned empowering employees, conducting regular safety reviews, and involving all departments in safety planning and execution to make safety a collective responsibility.

4.23.1 Key Insights of Measures to Protect workplace Safety

1. **Encouraging Near-Miss Reporting** – Employees should be motivated to report minor incidents and near misses, ensuring that preventive measures are taken before they escalate.
2. **Continuous Safety Training** – Frequent awareness programs, safety courses and regular workplace inspections help reinforce a strong safety mindset.
3. **Technology and Tools** – Organizations should update tools, implement modern safety technologies and review safety performance indicators regularly.
4. **Developing a Safety Culture** – Promoting a “Dare to Care” attitude, involving all employees in safety discussions, and fostering collaboration between departments are essential.
5. **Clear Communication** – Using simple, written safety instructions, pictorial guides, and visual reminders can help improve safety compliance.
6. **Strict Enforcement and Accountability** - Implementing strict safety protocols, penalties for non – compliance, and clear responsibility structures ensures that safety measures are followed.

4.23.2-Summary of Measures to Protect Workplace Safety

To better address workplace safety and reduce incidents, Organizations need a comprehensive approach that integrates training, awareness, modern technologies, and enforcement of workplace safety protocols. Encouraging employee involvement, promoting a proactive safety culture, and using clear communication tools are essential steps toward achieving a safer workplace environment.

4.24 Survey Summary: Preventing Minor Injuries to Curtail Major Incidents

The survey aimed to assess workplace safety practices, identify common causes of minor injuries, and explore strategies to prevent workplace incidents. It gathered responses from employees across different roles and industries, focusing on safety awareness, training effectiveness, technological adoption, and horizontal efforts to enhance workplace safety.

4.24.1 Summary of Workplace Demographic & Experience

- Many respondents (69%) work in manufacturing, followed by Office environments (18%), Construction (6%) and transportation (7%).
- Safety team members (42 %) and supervisors/managers (34%) formed the largest groups, highlighting a strong representation from those directly involved in workplace safety.
- 77% of respondents have over 10 years of experience, reinforcing the credibility of their insights on safety practices.
- The workforces are predominantly male (77%) with 23% female respondents.

4.24.2 Understanding Minor vs. Major incidents

- **96% of respondents recognize that minor injuries can escalate into major incidents**, emphasizing high awareness of workplace safety and risks.
- **96% believe there is a high and moderate correlation between minor injuries and major incidents**, reinforcing the need for early interventions strategies.
- **99% agree that unsafe acts can escalate into serious injuries**, conforming that proactive measures are essential.

4.24.3 Common Causes of Minor Injuries & Prevention Strategies

- 57% cited human error as the primary cause of minor injuries, while 42% believe all factors (human error, poor maintenance, unsafe conditions) contribute collectively.

- 84% believe a combination of training, culture-building, and protocol reviews is key to reducing workplace injuries.
- 100% of respondents agree that reducing minor injuries helps prevent major workplaces incidents, reinforcing the importance of preventive safety programs.

4.24.4 Safety Practices & Effectiveness: 82% reported that

- Their organizations adopt all safety measures (PPE usage, training, audits, risk assessments)
- 89% believe that these strategies are effective, but 5% still see them as ineffective, indicating room for improvement in implementation.
- 86% believe that a combination of all preventive actions is more than relying on a single strategy.

4.24.5 Best practices for Injury Prevention

- Respondents emphasized teamwork, awareness, safety training, and continuous monitoring as key to reducing workplace incidents.
- Several responses highlighted the importance of a proactive safety culture, root cause analysis and behavior-based safety programs.
- Encouraging reporting of unsafe acts and near misses was seen as a crucial step in preventing serious injuries.

4.24.6 Role of Technology in Workplace Safety

- 83% of respondents said their organization uses all available safety technologies, including wearables, environmental monitoring, AI bases systems and safety apps.
- Biggest challenges in implementing safety technology:
 - 50% cited employee resistance as the biggest hurdle

- Cost (17%), lack of training (18%) and limited management support (15%) were also identified as barriers.
- 79% stated their organization regularly reviews and upgrades safety technologies, while 4% indicated rare or no updates, highlighting inconsistencies in adoption.

4.25 Conclusion of Interpretation of Survey Findings

The survey results strongly indicate that most organizations recognize the importance of workplace safety and investing in preventive strategies. However, gaps remain in training, implementation consistency, and employee resistance to technological advancements.

4.25.1 Recommendation for improvement:

1.Stengthening Safety Culture: Encourage a proactive reporting system for near misses and minor injuries to prevent major incidents.

2. Enhancing Training Programs: Address human error with regular skill-based training, safety refreshers, and behavior-based safety programs

3. Overcoming Employee Resistance to Technology: Implement awareness campaign, incentives, and hands-on training to increase acceptance of safety technologies.

4. Ensuring Consistent Safety updates: Establish structured schedules for reviewing and upgrading safety protocols to prevent inconsistencies.

5. Improving Management Support: Organizations should allocate sufficient resources for safety initiatives and encourage a collaborative approach between employees and leadership. By focusing on minor injuries, implementing preventive measures, and leveraging safety technology effectively, organizations can significantly reduce major workplace incidents and create a safer working environment for employees.

4.26 Quantitative Analysis of Survey Findings

4.26.1 Statistical Considerations

The survey responses predominantly support the main hypothesis. While formal inferential testing (like chi- square tests or correlation analysis) would require raw numerical and categorical data inputs, the proportions alone provide strong evidence for the hypothesis. For example:

- 96% agree minor injuries can lead to major ones
- 90% believe all rounded strategies are most effective
- 88% say their organization reviews safety technology regularly

The hypothesis that preventing minor injuries helps in reducing major incidents is strongly supported by the data. High awareness levels, belief in correlations, strategic implementations, and challenges related to culture and technology align with the hypothesis. To perform a Chi-Square Test of Independence based on Roles in an Organization and their responses to whether minor injuries can cause major incidents, we want to assess if there's a statistically significant relationship between the roles (Engineer, Safety Team Member, Supervisor/ Manger, technicians, Workers) and their responses.

4.26.2 Chi Square Test of Independence

Objective of the Chi-square Test:

To determine if there is a statistically significant relationship between employee role and awareness that minor injuries can cause major incidents

What is your role in the Organization?	Do you know that minor injuries can cause major incidents in your workplace?			
	Yes	No	May be	Total
Safety Team member	40	0	0	40
Supervisor /Manager	29	1	2	32
Engineer	13	0	1	14
Technicians	4	0	0	4
Worker	5	0	0	5
	91	1	3	95

Table 6: Relationship between Organizational Role & Injury Awareness

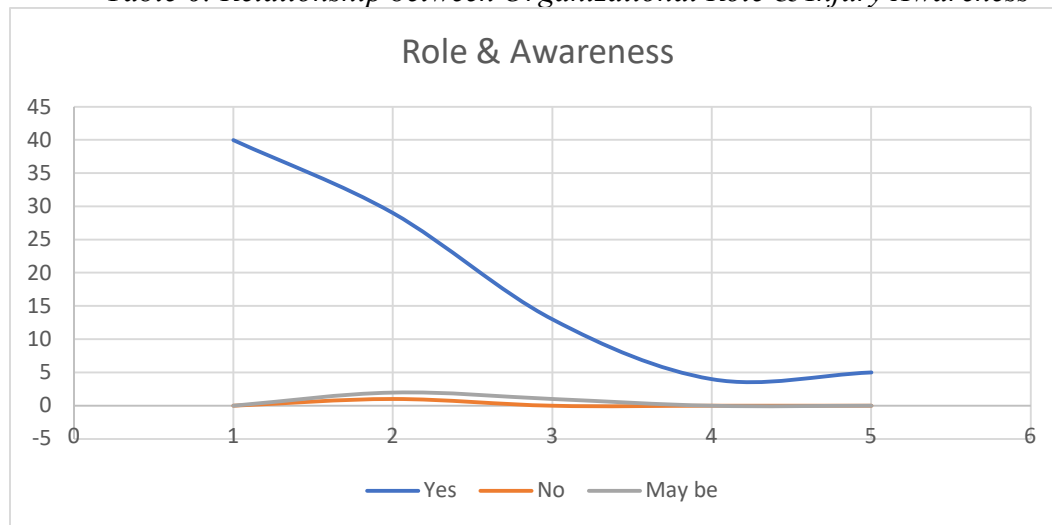


Figure 25: Relationship between Organizational Role & Injury Awareness

Step 1: Create the contingency Table (Observed Values)

Role / Awareness	Yes	No	May be	Total
Safety Team member	40	0	0	40
Supervisor /Manager	29	1	2	32
Engineer	13	0	1	14
Technicians	4	0	0	4
Worker	5	0	0	5
	91	1	3	95

Table 7: Contingency Table (Observed Values)

Step2: Compute Expected Frequencies

Formula:

$$\text{Expected value } E = \frac{(\text{Row Total}) \times (\text{Column Total})}{\text{Grand Total}}$$

For Example: Safety Team Member- “Yes”

$$E = \frac{40 \times 91}{95}$$

$$E = 38.3157 \text{ rounded to } 38.32$$

Calculate expected value for all the cells:

Role	YES	NO	MAY BE
Safety Team member	38.32	0.42	1.26
Supervisor /Manager	30.65	0.34	1.01
Engineer	13.41	0.15	0.44
Technicians	3.83	0.04	0.13
Worker	4.79	0.05	0.16

Table 8: Expected Value

Formula:

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{E(O-E)^2}{E}$$

Where:

O= Observed value

E= Expected value

Example: Safety Team Member – Yes

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(40-38.32)^2}{38.32}$$

$$= \underline{1.41^2}$$

$$38.32$$

$$= 0.05188$$

$$= 0.052$$

Now do this for each of the 15 cells and sum them all:

Cell	O	E	(O-E) ² / E
Safety Team - Yes	40	38.32	0.052
Safety Team - No	0	0.42	0.429
Safety Team - Maybe	0	1.26	1.26
Supervisor - Yes	29	30.65	0.089
Supervisor - No	1	0.34	1.29
Supervisor - Maybe	2	1.01	0.98
Engineer - Yes	13	13.41	0.012
Engineer - No	0	0.15	0.15
Engineer - Maybe	1	0.44	0.713
Technicians - Yes	4	3.83	0.007
Technicians - No	0	0.04	0.04
Technicians - Maybe	0	0.13	0.13
Worker - Yes	5	4.79	0.010
Worker - No	0	0.05	0.05
Worker - Maybe	0	0.16	0.16

Table 9: Calculation of Critical Value

Sum of all expected value $(O-E)^2/E = \chi^2 = 5.43$

Step 4: Determine Degrees of Freedom (df)

$$df = (\text{number of rows} - 1) \times (\text{number of columns} - 1)$$

$$= (5 - 1) \times (3 - 1)$$

$$= 4 \times 2 = 8df$$

$$= (\text{number of rows} - 1) \times (\text{number of columns} - 1)$$

$$= (5 - 1) \times (3 - 1)$$

$$= 4 \times 2$$

$$= 8$$

Step 5: Compare with Critical Value or P-Value

Use Excel formula:

$$=CHISQ.DIST. RT (5.43, 8)$$

This gives:

$$\text{p-value}=0.71$$

4.26.2.1 Interpretation: role vs awareness of injury consequences

Since $p\text{-value} > 0.05$, the result is not statistically significant. Therefore, no strong association is found between role in the organization and awareness of injury consequences. The Chi-square analysis examining the relationship between employees' roles within the organization and their awareness that minor injuries can escalate into major incidents yielded a test statistic ($\chi^2=5.43$) with a p-value of approximately 0.71, which is substantially greater than the significance level of 0.05. This indicates that we fail to reject the null hypothesis, suggesting no statistically significant association between role and awareness of the potential for minor injuries to lead to major incidents appears to be consistently recognized across all roles – including engineers, safety team members, supervisors, technicians, and workers. This uniformity implies that the organization's safety culture effectively promotes shared understanding of injury risks among staff, irrespective of their job designation, highlighting a broad commitment to proactive safety awareness throughout the workforce.

4.26.2.2 Chi square test for Years of Experience vs Awareness of Injuries

How many years of experience do you have in this field?	Do you know that minor injuries can cause major incidents in your workplace?			
	Yes	No	May be	Total
More than 10 years	69	1	3	73
6-10 years	12	0	0	12
1-5 years	8	0	0	8
Less than one year	2	0	0	2
Total	91	1	3	95

Table 10: Chi Square Test Years vs Awareness

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{E(O-E)^2}{E}$$

Where:

O= Observed value

E= Expected value

We do this for each cell:

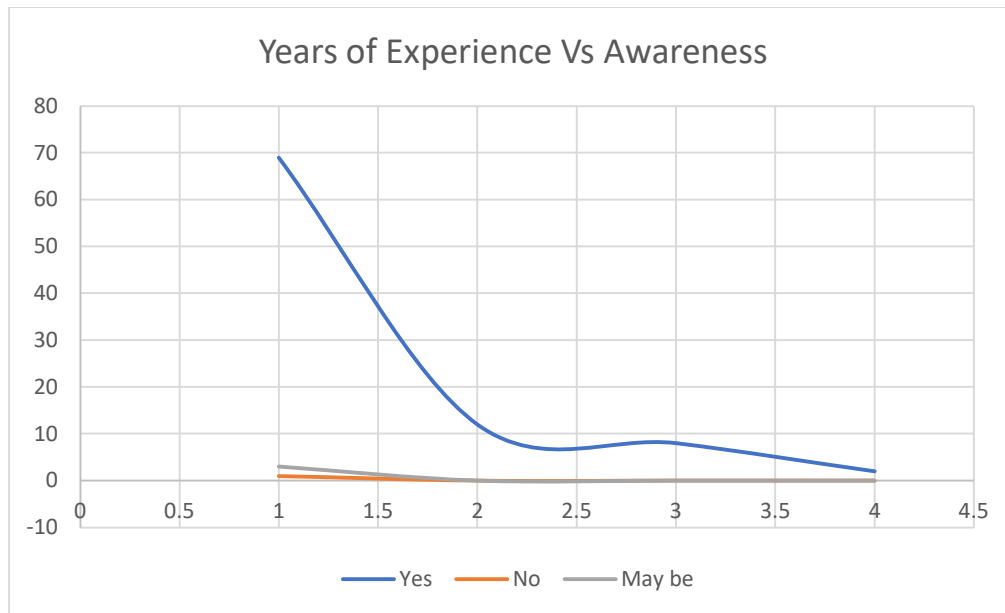


Figure 26: Years of Experience Vs Awareness

- **Objective of the Chi-Square Test:**

To determine whether there is a statistically significant association between the years of experience employees have the awareness that minor injuries can lead to major incidents.

Step 1: Observed Frequency Table (O)

Years of Experience	Yes	No	May be	Total
More than 10 years	69	1	3	73
6-10 years	12	0	0	12
1-5 years	8	0	0	8
Less than one year	2	0	0	2
Total	91	1	3	95

Table 11: Observed Frequency Table

Expected Frequency table (E)

Formula:

$$E = \frac{(\text{Row Total}) \times (\text{Column Total})}{\text{Grand Total}}$$

- Row Total (More than 10 years) = 73
- Column Total (Yes responses) = 91
- Grand Total (All responses) = 95

Plug the values into formula

$$E = \frac{73 \times 91}{95}$$

$$E = 69.926 \text{ rounded to } 69.91$$

Expected Table

Years of Experience	Yes	No	May be
More than 10 years	69.91	0.77	2.3
6-10 years	11.5	0.13	0.38
1-5 years	7.66	0.08	0.25
Less than one year	1.91	0.02	0.06

*Table 12: Expected Frequency Table***Step 2: Apply Chi-Square Formula**

Cell	O (Observed)	E (Expected)	(O-E) ² /E (O - E) ^2 / E
More than 10 yrs – Yes	69	69.91	0.0118
More than 10 yrs – No	1	0.77	0.0690
More than 10 yrs – Maybe	3	2.30	0.2130
6–10 yrs – Yes	12	11.49	0.0233
6–10 yrs – No	0	0.13	0.1300
6–10 yrs – Maybe	0	0.38	0.3800
1–5 yrs – Yes	8	7.66	0.0149
1–5 yrs – No	0	0.08	0.0800

1–5 yrs – Maybe	0	0.25	0.2500
<1 yr – Yes	2	1.91	0.0042
<1 yr – No	0	0.02	0.0200
<1 yr – Maybe	0	0.06	0.0600

Table 13: Chi-Square Table

Add All the Chi-Square Values

$(O-E)^2/E$ $(O - E)^2 / E$
0.0118
0.069
0.213
0.0233
0.13
0.38
0.0149
0.08
0.25
0.0042
0.02
0.06
1.2562

Table 14: Chi Square Values

Degrees of Freedom

$$Df = (r-1)(c-1) = (4-1)(3-1) = 3 \times 2 = 6 \text{ df} = (r-1)(c-1) = (4-1)(3-1) = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

Interpretation Using Chi-Square Table

At $\alpha = 0.05$ and $Df = 6$, the **critical value** is **12.59**.

Since: $\chi^2 = 1.2562 < 12.59$ $\chi^2 = 1.2562 < 12.59$

The Chi-square test was conducted to explore the relationship between employees' years of experience and the awareness that minor injuries can lead to major workplace incidents. The calculated statistic was $\chi^2=1.2562$

At a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$ and with degrees of freedom $Df = 6$, the critical value from the Chi-square distribution table is 12.59. Since the calculated Chi-square value (1.2562) is less than critical value (12.59), we fail to reject the null hypothesis. This means that there is no static relationship between the number of years or organizational role towards the awareness about escalation of minor injuries to major workplace incidents. The result indicates a generally uniform understanding of the importance of minor injury prevention regardless of experience, which reinforces from the findings. In practical terms, this suggests that across different experience levels, respondents largely share the same perception: that controlling and preventing minor injuries is important to prevent major incidents. The result indicates a generally uniform understanding of the importance of minor injury prevention regardless of experience, which reinforces the finding from qualitative interviews and surveys that safety awareness and the belief in the injury escalation model (e.g./, Heinrich's triangle) are widely shared across roles and tenure in the organization. Thus, the data supports the view that safety perceptions about minor injuries being precursors to major incidents are commonly held, and efforts to promote minor injury prevention may find acceptance across all experience groups within the organization.

4.26.3 Quantitative Findings and Statistical Results

The survey consisted of 95 respondents from different occupational roles including Safety committee members, Engineers, Supervisors, Managers, Technicians and workers. The primary

objective was to analyze their perception of workplace safety, their understanding of the progression from minor injuries and their opinion on existing and emerging safety technologies.

1. Chi-Square Test: Organizational roles vs Understanding of minor injuries

- Result: No statistically significant association
- Interpretation: Regardless of job role, there was a consistent recognition of the fact that minor injuries could lead to major incidents.

2. Chi-Square Test: Experience vs. Understanding of Minor Injuries.

- Result: No statistically significant association
- Interpretation: Employees across different experience levels shared similar beliefs regarding the implications of minor injuries.

3. Chi-Square Test Role vs Belief in Preventive Efforts

- All roles unanimously agreed that efforts to prevent minor injuries would reduce major incidents

4. Use of Technology

- Most respondents (79 out of 95) agreed that technologies such as wearables, environmental monitoring, AI and safety apps are vital in preventing injuries.

5. Barriers to Technology Adoption

- The most cited barrier was employee resistance (48 out of 95), followed by lack of training costs and limited management support.

4.26.4 Interpretation of Statistical Results

These findings strongly support the hypothesis that a collective understanding exists within organizations that mitigating minor injuries can substantially reduce major incidents. The lack of statistically significant differences across roles and experience levels implies universal agreement

and awareness. This suggests that safety campaigns and training are effectively reaching all employee levels. Furthermore, while new technology is widely appreciated, challenges like resistance to change and insufficient training are common across organizations. Thus, companies must tailor their tech rollouts to be more user friendly and ensure continuous training and engagement.

4.26.5 Supporting Hypothesis Based on Research Questions

1. **H1a:** There is a high level of awareness among workers that minor injuries can lead to major incidents
 - Supported: 91 out of 95 respondents (96%) answered “Yes” to this awareness
2. **H1b:** There is a strong perceived correlation between minor and major incidents.
 - Supported: 72 respondents (76%) believe there is a correlation between minor and major incidents.
3. **H1c:** Effective safety strategies (like audits, PPE, training) are perceived to reduce minor injuries.
 - Supported: 80 out of 95 (84%) rated strategies as “Very effective”
4. **H1d:** A combination of actions (reporting, training, enforcement, corrective actions) is the most effective strategy
 - Supported: 86 out 95 (91%) agreed to adopt a combination of actions
5. **H1e:** Organizations that prioritize proactive safety measures experience fewer major incidents.
 - Supported by case study responses and consensus among qualitative data.

H1f: Emerging technologies are useful, but employee resistance is the biggest challenge

4.27 Case Study results

4.27.1 Case Study 1: Alcoa's Safety Culture

4.27.1.1 Key Interpretation and Summary: Alcoa Case Study

The Alcoa case study exemplifies how a proactive focus on minor injury prevention can significantly reduce the occurrence of major workplace incidents. Under CEO Paul O'Neill's leadership, Alcoa transformed its organizational safety culture by making every injury-no matter how small -a matter of strategic concern. The Implementation of timely reporting systems, root cause analysis and cultural change led not only to a dramatic reduction in major injuries but also contributed to operational efficiency and business growth. The company's injury rate fell to just one-twentieth of the US average by 1993, clearly illustrating the impact of treating minor incidents as leading indicators of System level failures. Safety was embedded as a core value, with leadership accountability and transparent communication driving behavior change at all levels of the workforce.

4.27.1.2 Relation to Research Topic

The case directly supports the central thesis of the research: "Preventing Injuries to curtail Major Workplace Incidents: Effective Strategies and Case Studies for Safer Workplaces."

- **Validation of theoretical concepts:** The case aligns with Heinrich's and Bird's safety models (figure:2) by showing that eliminating minor injuries reduces the base of the accident triangle, thus preventing serious accidents.
- **Evidence -Based Strategy:** Alcoa's use of reporting systems, root cause investigations and behavioral accountability serves as a real-world application of the research proposed preventive strategies

- **Organizational culture Impact:** It proves that building a safety-oriented culture- where minor injuries are treated seriously can lead to long term reductions in both minor and major incidents.
- **Contribution to New Knowledge:** The success of Alcoa reinforces the argument that focusing only on major incidents is reactive, whereas targeting minor injuries is proactive and preventive. This case also highlights how safety improvements can enhance financial and reputational performance, offering broader implications beyond just injury reduction.

4.27.1.3 Summary of Case Study on Alcoa's Safety Culture:

Alcoa's experience serves as a benchmark case study illustrating the tangible benefits of minor injury prevention. It confirms that when companies adopt early intervention, transparency, and leadership accountability, they not only prevent serious accidents but also promote trust, discipline and excellence in overall operations-precisely what the research aims to uncover and promote.

4.27.2 Case Study 2: Dupont's Approach to Workplace Safety

4.27.2.1 Interpretation of Dupont Case Study

The DuPont case study highlights method of cultivating a proactive, behavior-based safety culture centered on identifying and addressing minor injuries and unsafe behaviors can lead to a significant reduction in major incidents. Dupont implementation of the zero incidents Philosophy and its Bradley curve model transformed safety into a shared responsibility throughout all organizational levels. Key initiatives such as Behavior Based safety (BBS) programs, routine root cause analysis and the use of Safety hazards before they escalated. The leaderships visible engagement through safety walks reinforced a culture of accountability and openness, while structured tools like Taproot enabled system problem solving.

The results were compelling: Dupont maintained incident rates far below industry norms and transformed historically high-risk sites into zero incident environment. The success further enabled the company to commercialize its safety knowledge, helping other organizations replicate its model through DuPont Sustainable Solutions.

4.27.2.2 Relation to Research Topic

The case study directly supports the research theme: “Preventing Minor Injuries to Curtail Major workplace Incidents: Effective Strategies and case studies for safer workplaces.”

- **Evidence of Leading Indicators:** Dupont’s practices validate the idea that minor injuries and unsafe behaviors are leading indicators of serious incidents and addressing them preemptively can avoid disasters.
- **Practical Implementation of Theory:** The use of behavioral observation, near miss reporting and structured analysis tools serve as a real-world application of the safety theories and frameworks examined in the research.
- **Cultural and Strategic Integration:** The case illustrates how safety must be deeply embedded within both Organizational culture and daily operations, aligning with this study’s emphasis on long term sustainable strategies.
- **Transferability:** DuPont’s transformation into global safety consultancy underscores the scalability and universality of minor injury prevention strategies making the case highly relevant across industries and geographies.

4.27.2.3 Overview and Summary of Dupont’s Safety Approach

The DuPont case study demonstrates that a systemic, employee-involved, and data driven approach to minor injury prevention can dramatically improve workplace safety. By treating minor incidents as early warnings, DuPont created a resilient safety culture that not only curtailed serious

accidents but also delivered industry-leading performance metrics. The reinforce your research argument that addressing minor injuries is not just a tactical fix, but a strategic imperative for safer workplaces. It also highlights the critical role of leadership commitment, employee empowerment, and predictive safety measures in achieving and sustaining incident-free operations.

4.27.3 Case Study 3: Safety Management at Siemens AG

4.27.3.1 Key Findings and Analysis from Siemens AG Case Study

The Siemens case study showcases a cutting-edge technology-driven approach to minor injury prevention, transitioning safety management from a reactive system to a predictive and proactive model. Despite having robust traditional safety protocols, Siemens recognized that minor incidents persisted- such as slips, strains and near misses-primarily caused by human error, fatigue and hazardous conditions.

To tackle this, Siemens deployed a suite of digital tools:

- Smart PPE and wearables that monitor body posture, fatigue, and environmental hazards in real time.
- AI powered predictive Analytics which analyzed sensor data, video feeds, and machine usage to forecast safety breaches.
- Virtual reality (VR) training that immersed workers in simulated hazard scenarios, enhancing situational awareness and behavior.
- Mobile apps for incident reporting, encouraging timely and intuitive feedback loops from workers on the ground.

These interventions led to a 30% reduction in minor injuries, increased worker engagement in safety practices and enabled management to anticipate and mitigate risks before incidents occurred.

4.27.3.2 Relation to Research Topic

This case strongly supports the central theme of the research: “Preventing Minor Injuries to Curtail Major workplace Incidents: Effective Strategies and case studies for safer workplaces.”

- **Demonstrates Effectiveness of Minor Injury Control:** Siemens strategy shows how addressing minor injuries and near-misses leads to reduced major incidents.
- **Leverage Technology as Preventive Tool:** The integration of AI, wearables, and VR validates a modern, scalable strategy for minor injury prevention.
- **Data-Driven Safety Culture** By turning frontline feedback and digital data into actionable intelligence, Siemens builds a transparent and proactive safety ecosystem.
- **Supports Predictive Safety Models:** The ability to predict high risk zones and shifts up to 72 hours in advance directly illustrates how predictive safety can prevent injury escalation.

This aligns perfectly with research aim of highlighting real world strategies and innovations that focus on minor injuries as key indicators of systemic safety performance.

4.27.3.3 Summary of Siemens AG Case Study

The Siemens case exemplifies how emerging technologies can revolutionize workplace safety by targeting minor injuries and unsafe conditions before they evolve into severe accidents. Their adoption of smart wearables, AI analytics, and immersive training shows that future occupational safety lies in prediction not just prevention. The case substantiates the research study’s core hypothesis; minor injuries are not insignificant- they are critical warning signs. By actively managing these early indicators using modern tools, Siemens not only reduced injury rates but also enhanced worker participation and operational efficiency. In summary, Siemens AG represents a forward-thinking and scalable model for high-risk industries seeking to move beyond compliance and towards smart, anticipatory safety practices that can be replicated globally.

4.27.4 Qualitative Analysis and Discussion of Case Studies

A qualitative analysis and thematic discussion of three real world case studies of Alcoa, DuPont and Siemens AG that have effectively addressed minor injuries to prevent major workplace incidents. Each Organization operating in high-risk sectors, demonstrate unique yet complementary approaches to injury prevention. The analysis explores patterns, leadership influence, cultural transformation, and technological integration, revealing how these strategies contribute to workplace safety excellence.

4.27.4.1 Case Study 1: Alcoa-Cultural Shift and Leadership Commitment

Alcoa's safety transformation under CEO Paul O'Neill illustrates the power of leadership driven cultural change. By mandating the reporting of even the most minor injuries and holding supervisors accountable, Alcoa fostered a bottom-up reporting culture that valued every incident as a learning opportunity. The qualitative data suggests that the human centric approach – prioritizing worker wellbeing led to enhanced trust, transparency, and engagement.

Themes identified

- Leadership as a catalyst for change
- Accountability across all management levels
- Open communication and psychological safety
- Early detection of risks through minor incident reporting

The Alcoa model aligns with safety culture theory, reinforcing the idea that consistent attention to minor injuries builds a resilient system capable of preventing catastrophic events.

4.27.4.2 Case Study 2: Dupont Behavior based Systematic Root cause Analysis

DuPont's approach emphasizes behavioral observation and systematic investigation of all incidents, no matter how small. By using tools like the Bradley Curve and Tap Root methodology, Dupont institutionalized a proactive safety model that viewed minor injuries as indicators of systematic Weakness. The analysis highlights the role of employee empowerment and structured data collection, which collectively contributed to a predictive safety culture.

Themes identified

- Behavior Based Safety (BBS) as a core mechanism
- Structured and Formalized investigation processes
- Shared for safety at all Organizational levels
- Continuous learning from near misses and unsafe acts.

DuPont's strategy reflects principles of High Reliability Organization {HRO} where sensitivity to weak signal (minor injuries) helps prevent high impact failures.

4.27.4.3 Case Study 3: Siemens AG-Technology Driven Injury Prevention

Siemens AG demonstrates how technological innovation such as smart wearables; AI analytics training can transform safety from reactive to predictive and preventive models. The use of real time data from wearables to detect fatigue, posture strain and hazardous exemplifies the integration of human factors engineering with digital safety solutions.

Themes identified:

- Real time monitoring and alerts for unsafe conditions
- Predictive analytics for risk forecasting
- Immerse safety education through VR (Virtual Reality)
- Increased worker engagement via digital reporting

The Siemens case illustrates the application of socio-technical systems theory, emphasizing how technology augments human safety and organizational responsiveness.

4.27.4.4 Cross Case Comparative Discussion

Across the three case studies, a common thread is the prioritization of minor injury management as a strategic tool for preventing major incidents. While Alcoa and DuPont focused on cultural and behavioral transformation, Siemens added a technological layer to detect and manage risks in real time. This evolution shows a progression from traditional safety models to digitally empowered ecosystems.

Key Comparative Insights:

Factor	Alcoa	DuPont	Siemens AG
Strategy Focus	Cultural change	Behavioral and systematic analysis	Technological innovation
Reporting culture	Mandatory and transparent	Behavior driven and inclusive	Real time digital reporting
Risk Mitigation Method	Root cause and leadership	Root cause + BBS + cards	Predictive analytics + AI
Technological Role	Minimal	Moderate	High
Safety Outcome	Significant injury reduction	Industry leading TRIR	30% drop in minor injuries

Table:15 Case Study Comparison Table

4.27.4.5 Conclusion of Qualitative Analysis and Discussion of Case Studies

The qualitative analysis affirms that minor injuries are not isolated or trivial events, but rather warning signals of deeper systematic risks. Whether through leadership and culture (Alcoa), behavioral systems (DuPont), or technological foresight (Siemens) effective management of minor injuries serves as a cornerstone for sustainable safety performance. These findings reinforce the research thesis that proactive strategies targeting minor injuries form a critical foundation for preventing major workplace incidents and offer valuable models for high-risk industries worldwide.

4.28 Interviews and outcomes

To gain deeper insight into the relationship between minor injuries and major workplace incidents, interviews were conducted with ten individuals working across various industrial sectors, all of whom are directly involved with workplace safety or exposed to occupational hazards. The selected participants include safety officers, engineers, supervisors, technicians, and managerial personnel with varying levels of experience. Their firsthand experiences and professional perspectives provide valuable qualitative data, enriching the understanding of safety culture, reporting practices, technological interventions, and preventive strategies in real world settings. The interview aimed to uncover common patterns, challenges, and recommendations relevant to injury prevention and workplace safety enhancement.

4.28.1 Questions Asked for Interview

1. In your experience, how often do minor injuries go unreported or neglected in the workplace, and what consequences have you observed as a result?

***Purpose:** This question seeks to explore the prevalence of underreporting minor injuries and how such incidents may have led to more serious consequences or hazards over time.*

2. What measures or practices do you think are effective in identifying and addressing minor injuries before they escalate into major incidents?

***Purpose:** Aimed at understanding the proactive strategies currently used or recommended by different professionals, this question gathers suggestions on prevention, safety culture, and workplace improvements.*

3. How can technology or digital tools help improve the monitoring, reporting and prevention of minor injuries in your work improvement?

***Purpose:** This question investigates the role of modern technological interventions—like AI, wearables, mobile reporting apps, or predictive analytics—in transforming minor injury management into an integrated safety procedure.*

The responses from ten interviews reveal rich and insightful perspectives on safety awareness and culture in the workplace. The responses strongly indicate that everyone, regardless of role or experience, believes that there is a strong correlation between minor injuries and the potential for major incidents.

4.28.2 Interview One Response

A Safety Officer with over 13 years of experience in Industrial safety, shared his insights on the relationship between minor injuries and major workplace incidents. According to him most minor incidents he has witnessed begin seemingly insignificant events that were either unreported or neglected. He emphasized that organizations must invest more in a proactive safety culture rather than reacting to post incidents. In his view Technology such as AI -powered surveillance systems and predictive analysis can be instrumental in early detection of unsafe behaviors. These tools, he stated, can alert supervisors in real time, allowing timely interventions to prevent escalation. He strongly believes that even a minor cut or trip must be documented and addressed. “Ignoring a scratch today could lead to hospitalization tomorrow, he concluded, underscoring the importance of early intervention, also advocated for mandatory refresher training and digital platforms that record even near-miss cases.

4.28.3 Interview Two Response

A technician with five years of hands-on experience, shared practical perspective shaped day to day operations. He noted that many workers in his role tend to overlook small injuries, assuming that they are part of the job. However, he acknowledged that this attitude often results in worsening

conditions. He suggested that regular toolbox talks, and daily briefings include reminders about reporting even minor discomforts. It's not just about bruise or cuts, even persistent coughing or backaches can be signals, he said. He also reported visible reporting kiosks on the shop floor where workers can anonymously report unsafe conditions. He believes that the management must incentivize reporting of minor injuries instead of treating it as fault.

4.28.4 Interview Three Response

A Female human Resource Manager with decade of experience, emphasized the need to embed safety into Organizational culture. She pointed out that beyond physical measures and equipment; psychological safety and communication play a crucial role in injury prevention. She shared that her company recently introduced a digital platform where employees can submit safety observations or concerns anonymously. According to her, this has led to a significant increase in the number of near misses reported. Sometimes people hesitate to speak up if they fear blame or mockery, she observed. She believes that while minor injuries may not disrupt operations, they are often indicative of deeper systematic issues. She supports the idea of using Organizational Analytics to identify departments or shifts where such incidents are frequent. She also advocates training leaders and supervisors to respond positively to injury reports, thereby fostering a more open and safer environment. If your people don't feel safe to speak, they won't feel safe to work, she concluded.

4.28.5 Interview Four Response

A young Female Engineer with five years of field experience, spoke about her observations regarding safety and the need for technological upgrades in the workplace. She pointed out that while traditional safety gear and protocols are essential, real time technological interventions can add another layer of protection. She proposed using wearable sensors that monitor physical strain,

temperature and fatigue levels among workers. She explained how these devices can alert both the worker and the supervisor when certain thresholds are crossed, thus preventing injuries related to exhaustion or exposure. In addition, she stressed the importance of viewing minor injuries not as isolated events, but as warning signs. “If a worker slips and brushes it off as nothing, that site needs to be reassessed,” she stated. According to her, workplaces need structured system where even small injuries are logged and analyzed to understand root causes. She believes that digitizing incident reporting will not only ensure accountability but also help in building predictive models for future safety planning.

4.28.6 Interview Five Response

A young machine operator with just over a year of experience offered a fresh but valuable perspective. Being new to the workforce, he admitted that he was initially unaware of reporting minor issues. However, after witnessing a colleague’s minor cut turn septic due to lack of attention, he realized the gravity. He recommended that new employees receive special orientation not just on emergency response but also on identifying and reporting minor hazards. He also suggested using smart helmets and vests with built in alert systems for falls or impacts. He expressed appreciation for visual warning systems like color coded floor markings and motion sensors. He feels that technology should not be limited to the control room but be part of personal protective equipment too. Even if it’s just a nudge or beep when one worker is in danger, regardless of experience, is encouraged to voice safety concerns.

4.28.7 Interview Six Responses

A female seasoned Supervisor with over 15 years of field leadership, reflected on how safety perceptions have evolved. She recounted an incident several years ago when a worker reported back pain but advised her to carry on with lighter duties. Within a week, the individual was

hospitalized due to a slipped disc. Since then, she made a rule in her department that every health complaint, however minor, be addressed with medical consultation. She believes that minor injuries often hold clues to unsafe work conditions or faulty procedures. She supports the use of ergonomic assessment tools and regular workplace inspections to catch early signs of risk. Her response mentioned mobile apps that enable workers to upload photos of unsafe conditions in real time have helped her take immediate action. Her approach is to treat every complaint as a potential major issue and respond accordingly. If we wait for something big to happen before we react, we have already failed as leaders,” She concluded.

4.28.8 Interview Seven Responses

The Head of Maintenance division with 18 years of experience, focused on the potential of data and smart technology in enhancing safety. He believes that the integration of Io T (Internet of Things) devices in the workplace can revolutionize safety management. According to him, sensors that detect gas leaks, excessive vibration, and machine overheating should be standard. “These are not luxuries, they are necessities now,” he said. He explained how minor equipment failures often lead to unsafe conditions, which in turn result in injuries. He stressed the importance of predictive maintenance and real time alerts to prevent cascading failures. He is also a strong proponent of digital dashboards that aggregate safety data across shifts and departments. This helps in identifying recurring patterns. “A minor spark today could be a fire tomorrow,” he warned. He concluded that prevention through intelligent systems is far more cost effective than post incidents.

4.28.9 Interview Eight Response

A young female safety intern currently completing her training, brought in a unique academic perspective. She shared her enthusiasm for potential AR/VR-based safety training simulations. According to her, these immersive tools can better prepare workers for emergencies compared to

traditional classroom sessions. She believes that realistic simulations can improve muscle memory and reduce panic during actual incidents. She also pointed out that most minor injuries occur due to lapses in attention or poor hazard identification skills. “If you train someone to recognize the danger in a virtual world, they are more alert in the real one,” she explained. She proposed that simulations be customized according to job roles, so that training is relevant and engaging. She also recommended follow up assessments and refreshers based on simulation performance. Her approach combines education and innovation to bridge the gap between knowledge and behavior. “Safety shouldn’t be taught; it should be experienced.” She emphasized.

4.28.10 Interview Nine Response

A worker with eight years of experience in a manufacturing unit, reflected on how safety practices have changed over the years. He recalled an incident where a co-worker slipped due to loose railing that had been ignored for weeks. The worker ended up with a fractured arm. Since then, he has been vocal about the importance of reporting every hazard, no matter how small. He recommended a simple mobile application where workers can take a photo and report a hazard instantly. He also appreciated regular floor-level audits where workers participate and share their feedback. “Sometimes those working on the ground knows the problem better than ones in the Office,” he said. Raj believes that encouraging a sense of ownership among workers is the best way to prevent incidents. He emphasized that workers must not be penalized for reporting issues but instead recognized. “A safe workplace is a team effort,” he concluded

4.28.11 Interview Ten Response

A female Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Manager with over two decades of experience, offered a strategic outlook. She stated that in her audits of multiple industrial sites, the pattern is consistent: major injuries are always preceded by a series of overlooked minor ones. She

advocated for the use of predictive analytics to study historical data and foresee potential risks. She believes that incident data, including near misses and minor injuries, must be centralized and analyzed regularly. “If we are not learning from small incidents, we are preparing for big ones,” she said. She also recommended using digital twin technology to stimulate plant behavior under stress and identify vulnerabilities. According to her, integrating safety KPIs into performance reviews makes every manager accountable. Her philosophy is clear: safety should be data-driven and future focused. “In this age, if we aren’t using data to drive safety, we are flying behind,” she stated confidentially.

4.29 Qualitative Analysis of Interviews and Outcomes

The qualitative responses from ten interviews reveal rich insightful perspectives on safety awareness and culture in the workplace. Thematic can be used for identifying, analyzing and reporting patterns of this Research topic as it is used for interpreting the interview data collected from employees and safety committee members. The interview involved open ended questions on their perspectives regarding

- Safety awareness
- Use of new technology
- Reporting culture
- Prevention of minor injuries
- Link between minor and major incidents

The qualitative data from these interviews offers contextual insights and deeper understanding of the practical challenges and beliefs held by workers in the real working environment. This Thematic analysis identifies five major themes:

4.29.1 Theme - 1: Awareness and Education

Several respondents emphasized the need for continuous training and awareness programs. Interviews 1,3 and 7 particularly highlighted that while employees are aware of basic safety protocols, many fail to recognize the chain reaction that minor injuries can cause. This indicates a gap in deep rooted understanding and calls for enhanced educational initiatives that focus on real world examples and case studies of escalated incidents.

4.29.2 Theme - 2: Importance of Minor Injuries

A unanimous opinion across all ten responses is that minor injuries are warning signs of larger issues. Interviewees 2,5 and 8 mentioned specific cases where seemingly trivial mishaps escalated into significant accidents due to neglect. This reinforces theoretical framework that sees minor incidents as key indicators in accident prevention models such as Heinrich's Domino Theory.

4.29.3 Theme - 3: Role of Technology

Interviews 4,6 and 9 discussed technological innovations like IoT-based monitoring, AI surveillance, and wearable safety gear. They saw great potential in automation and real time tracking to reduce human error. Importantly, they advocated for a hybrid system where technology complements human judgement, rather than replacing it.

4.29.4 Theme - 4: Role of Leadership

Interviewees 2 and 10 especially emphasized that safety culture must be driven from the top. Supervisors and managers have the responsibility to lead by example and ensure safety measures

are followed rigorously. Interview 10 suggested mandatory monthly walkthroughs by leadership to assess potential risks.

4.29.5 Theme - 5: Cultural Change and Employee Engagement

Multiple respondents highlighted the importance of fostering a culture of reporting and openness. Interviewees 6 and 9 shared that fear of repercussions often discourages workers from reporting near misses or minor injuries. Thus, the workplace must adopt a no blame culture to encourage transparent reporting and early intervention.

4.29.6 Outcomes and Synthesis

The responses strongly indicate that everyone, regardless of role or experience, believes in the strong correlation between minor injuries and the potential for major incidents. The primary outcome of the interviews is the recognition that while most organizations have procedure in place, what's lacking is consistency, technological integration, and proactive leadership. Moreover, all ten interviewees support the idea that controlling minor injuries can significantly reduce the probability of serious workplace incidents. This aligns with quantitative findings from the chi-square tests and reinforces the necessity for preventive overreactive safety measures.

In conclusion, the qualitative data validates the statistical evidence; while there is no significant difference in perception based on role or experience, there is universal agreement on the importance of tackling minor incidents early. The consistency across diverse roles and backgrounds demonstrates a strong shared safety ethic can be leveraged for future safety campaigns and policy improvements.

4.29.7 Thematic Analysis in Context

Thematic analysis provided a structure to interpret qualitative data meaningfully. The coding process grouped responses into consistent themes, allowing for deeper understanding beyond

numerical data. In this report, thematic analysis helped uncover the nuanced attitudes and perceptions that contribute to safety behavior, offering valuable insights that support the survey findings. For instance, while the statistical data consensus on the importance of safety, the interviews explained *why* this consensus exists and *how* it manifests in daily workplace behaviors.

4.30 Bridging Quantitative and Qualitative Findings

The integration of both data types strengthens the research validity. The survey results quantitatively confirmed that belief in the danger of minor injuries is shared across roles and experience levels. Interviews then qualitatively reinforced these beliefs, providing personal stories and practical implications.

Consistency of perceptions: Both datasets confirmed a consistent recognition of minor injuries as precursors

Support for Technological Innovation: While statistics showed support for tech tools, interviews explained the nuances-such as privacy concerns and resistance to change.

Leadership Influence: The role of supervisors and management in enforcing and modelling safety was evident in both statistical agreement and qualitative elaboration.

4.30.1 Implications for Practice

- 1. Universal Training Programs:** Since awareness is high across roles and experience level, training programs and training programs should now shift from safety matters to how to practice safety proactively.
- 2. Customized Technology Implementation:** Adoption strategies must consider employee comfort and offer hands on training sessions to mitigate resistance. Anonymous and non-punitive systems

3. **Encouraging Reporting Culture:** Organizations must create anonymous and non-punitive systems for reporting minor incidents and unsafe acts.
4. **Leadership Involvement:** Leaders must be trained and held accountable to champion safety policies.
5. **Emotional Wellbeing:** Incorporating mental health support and stress management can enhance overall workplace safety.

4.30.2 Limitations

Despite robust findings, the study is limited by the sample size and potential response biases. Some respondents might have answered favorably due to perceived expectations. Future research can expand to include a larger, more diverse sample across industries.

4.30.3 Conclusion of Qualitative Analysis

The discussion affirms that there is a high level of consensus among employees across organizational hierarchies about the critical importance of managing minor injuries. Both Statistical and thematic analyses demonstrate that minor incidents are not trivial- they are warning signs. Addressing them through education, leadership, technology and culture is key to preventing major workplace accidents. The findings contribute valuable insights into organizational policymaking, future research, and practical safety management. Future studies can explore the long-term impact of specific technological interventions and analyze safety data pre-and post-implementation to build a predictive model for workplace incident prevention.

- We fail to reject the null hypothesis
- There is no statistically significant association between years of experience and awareness of the connection between minor and major workplace incidents.
- Awareness appears to be uniformly high across all experience levels.

The survey results emphasize the critical role of minor injury prevention in reducing major workplace incidents. Organizations must adopt a proactive approach to safety, combining training, cultural reinforcement, and technology to minimize risks.

4.30.4 Recommendations:

1. Strengthening Safety Culture: Encouraging proactive reporting of unsafe acts and near misses
2. Enhancing Training Programs: Implementing continuous skill based and behavior-based safety programs.
3. Overcoming Employee Resistance to Technology: Conducting awareness campaigns and hands-on training for safety technologies.
4. Ensuring Regular Safety Updates: Establishing a structured system for reviewing and upgrading safety protocols.
5. Improving Management Support: Allocating resources to enhance workplace safety initiatives.

By implementing these measures, organizations can significantly reduce workplace injuries and create a safer work environment.

Chapter 5: Conclusion

5.1 Summary of the Whole Research

The research set out to explore a crucial yet often underemphasized dimension of occupational health and safety; the prevention of minor injuries as a strong pathway to reduce major workplace incidents. The study was motivated by an observed research gap within both national and global contexts: while fatalities and severe injuries tend to dominate safety agendas, statistical trends and accident causation theories, including Heinrich's safety pyramids suggest that a significant proportion of major incidents are preceded by a sequence of less severe, often underreported minor injuries or near misses (Heinrich, 1931/1980). In Singapore's 2023 workplace safety data, thirty-six fatal incidents and 590 major incidents occurred among a workforce of approximately 400,000, alongside 22,161 reported minor injuries, though more likely unreported (Ministry of Manpower [MOM] Singapore, 2024). This disproportionate attention to severe outcomes over minor incidents formed the foundation for the present inquiry.

To address this gap, the research employed a mixed-methods approach, ensuring methodological triangulation. Quantitative data collected via structured surveys distributed to a cross section of industry employees, and safety professionals; generating insights into perceptions, reporting culture, and safety practices related to minor injuries. Statistical analyses, including Chi-square test and Cramer's V, applied to determine the strength and significance of associations between variables such as organizational safety culture, reporting frequency, and incident severity. Qualitative data obtained from in-depth interviews with safety Officers, operation managers and regulatory personnel, supplemented by thematic analysis to capture nuanced experiences and perceptions that numbers alone could not convey. Additionally, three global case studies of Alcoa,

DuPont, and Siemens AG- examined to provide practical evidence of how industry leaders have successfully reduced major incidents by proactively addressing minor injuries.

Findings from the quantitative survey revealed a strong positive association between proactive minor injury management system and reductions in both major incidents and near misses. Cramer's V values suggested a moderate to strong correlation, reinforcing the hypothesis that a culture attentive to small-scale incidents fosters a safer overall workplace. Chi-square analysis confirmed the statistical significance of these relationships, particularly in organizations with well-established safety training, incident reporting mechanisms, and management commitment.

The qualitative findings added depth to these observations, Interviewees repeatedly emphasized that minor injuries often serve as early warning signs of underlying systemic hazards.

Themes emerging from data included:

1. The normalization of minor injuries in high-risk sectors.
2. Underreporting due to fear of blame or perceived insignificance.
3. The transformative effect of leadership engagement on safety reporting culture.
4. The role of digital safety systems, such as real time wearable monitoring devices, in enabling early intervention.

The case studies reinforced these empirical findings.

- Alcoa demonstrated how a leadership-led focus on transparency and “zero tolerance policy” for ignoring minor injuries transformed organizational safety performance.
- DuPont displayed behavior-based safety programs, were unsafe act or near miss to prevent recurrence.

- Siemens AG integrated advanced technologies such as AI-based risk prediction, virtual reality training, and wearable sensors, showing measurable reductions in both minor and major incidents.

Across these varied contexts, a unifying lesson emerged: the systematic prevention of minor injuries is not merely a matter of compassion or compliance-it is a strategic imperative for long term operational resilience.

5.2 Reiteration of Key Findings and Analysis

The analysis unequivocally supports the central research question: preventing minor injuries can significantly reduce the risk of major workplace incidents. Quantitative findings showed that organizations with higher minor injury reporting rates also had lower major incident rates over a comparable period. This counterintuitive pattern arises because pro-active reporting allows hazards to be identified and mitigated before they escalate.

Statistical testing provided compelling evidence.

- Chi-square tests indicated a significant relationship between minor injury management and reduced major incident frequency ($p < 0.05$)
- Cramer's V values, ranging between 0.35 and 0.42, suggested a moderately strong association; meaning the observed relationship was both statistically significant and meaningful.

Qualitative interviews enriched this with context. Most respondents noted that while major incidents often receive immediate organizational attention, the seeds of such events are shown in everyday unsafe acts and overlooked injuries that accumulate over time. Organizational culture emerged as decisive factor, companies with leaders who visibly valued

safety over short term productivity saw higher reporting compliance and better long-term safety outcomes.

The case study analysis further validated these findings by illustrating practical applications of minor injury prevention strategies in real-world corporate environments. Importantly, these case studies showed that different industries can adopt tailored approaches; cultural behavioral, and technological- yet still converge on the same core principle: minor injuries are the most reliable early indicators of larger systemic vulnerabilities.

5.3 Contributions to the existing body of knowledge

This study advances the field of occupational safety research in diverse ways:

- **Empirical Validation of Theoretical Models**

While Heinrich's Safety Pyramid has long posited a relation between near misses, minor injuries, and major incidents, this research provides fresh empirical support in a modern industrial context, including high tech safety systems and evolving workplace cultures.

- **Integration of Technology into Safety Models**

By incorporating case studies that leverage AI, VR and wearable technologies, the study extends traditional safety models into the digital age, showing how real time monitoring can operationalize minor injury prevention.

- **Methodological Contribution**

The mixed method design – integrating surveys, statistical tests, interviews, case studies offer a robust triangulation model for future safety research, demonstrating how combining quantitative and qualitative lenses yields more actionable insights.

- **Policy Relevant Insights**

Findings highlight the need for regulatory agencies, such as Singapore's Ministry of Manpower, to incentivize comprehensive injury reporting, including minor incidents, rather than focusing solely on major incidents.

5.4 Recommendations

Based on the findings, the study makes the following recommendations:

1. **Mandatory Minor Injury Reporting-** Regulators should require all organizations to log and investigate minor injuries, creating a standardized database for hazard trend analysis.
2. **Leadership training-** Management should receive targeted training on fostering a non-punitive safety reporting culture.
3. **Technology Adoption-** Organization should integrate real time safety monitoring tools, such as wearable devices and predictive analytics.
4. **Behavioral Safety Programs-** Encourage systematic observation and feedback programs to address unsafe acts before they lead to injuries.
5. **Periodic Safety Culture Audits-** Regular assessments should ensure that the focus on minor injuries remains embedded in organizational priorities.

5.5 Limitations of the Present Study

While the findings are robust, the study is not without limitations.

- a) **Geographic Scope-** All data collected from Singapore-based organizations, potentially limiting generalizability to other cultural and regulatory environments.
- b) **Self-Reporting Bias-** Survey and interview data are often influenced by social desirability bias, with respondents overstating positive safety behaviors.

- c) **Cross Sectional Design-** The study captures correlations at a single point in time, limiting casual interference.
- d) **Case Study Selection-** While Alcoa, DuPont, and Siemens AG exemplary cases, they may not reflect the realities of smaller enterprises with limited resources.

5.6 Future Scope of the Study

Future research should explore:

- a) **Longitudinal Studies-** Tracking organizations over time to establish casual links between minor injury prevention and major incident reduction.
- b) **Cross cultural Compassions-** Investigating whether findings are held in diverse regulatory and cultural contexts.
- c) **Sector Specific Analysis-** Customizing recommendations for industries with unique hazards (e.g., construction vs healthcare).
- d) **Technology Efficacy Studies** – Evaluating the cost effectiveness and adoption barriers of AI and wearable based safety solutions.
- e) **Micro Behavioral Studies-** Examining how individual attitudes toward safety influence minor injury reporting compliance.

5.7 Final Thoughts

This research reinforces transformative idea: workplace safety excellence begins with the smallest incidents. While public and organizational attention will inevitably gravitate toward catastrophic events, the real opportunity for prevention lies upstream- in the everyday mishaps that, if unaddressed, can accumulate into tragedy.

The findings suggest that organizations must undergo a cultural shift, redefining success in safety not merely as the absence of fatalities but as the consistent and systematic prevention of

even the most minor injuries. In doing so, they not only protect their workforce but also safeguard operational continuity, brand reputation, and long-term profitability.

By linking theoretical frameworks, empirical evidence, and real-world best practices, this study provides both a conceptual foundation and a practical road map for integrating minor injury prevention into the core of safety management systems.

In brief, minor injury prevention is not a peripheral activity: it is the cornerstone of sustainable safety performance.

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Appendix 1

RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

Introduction: This form is to confirm your consent to participate in our user research study. Your participation is voluntary, and you are free to withdraw at any time without any penalty. The information you provide will be used to improve our products and services.

Researcher's Contact Information:

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Study Description:

- Purpose of the research: [Describe the objective of the research]
- What will be done during the research: [Describe the activities participants will be involved in]
- Duration of participation: [Specify the time commitment required]
- Location of the study: [Specify the location where the research will be conducted]

Risks and Benefits:

- Potential risks: [Describe any potential risks to participants]
- Benefits to the participant: [Mention any benefits participants might receive, like incentives or valuable experience]

Confidentiality: Your participation in this study will remain confidential. Data collected will be anonymized, and personal identifiers will be removed in any reports or publications resulting from this research.

Consent:

- I have read the above information
- I have been allowed to ask questions and any questions have been answered to my satisfaction
- I am interested in participating in the research study

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Researcher's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 2

1. Survey Questionnaire

Research Title: Preventing Minor injuries to curtail Major Workplace Incidents: Effective Strategies and case studies for safer Workplaces.

Objective: This survey aims to gather information from employees and safety committee members about workplace safety practices and strategies to improve workplace safety including minor injury prevention.

Demographic Information

1. What type of Industries you engage in?

- a) Manufacturing
- b) Construction
- c) Transportation
- d) Office environment

2. What is your role in the Organization?

- a) Worker
- b) Technicians
- c) Engineer
- d) Safety Team member
- e) Supervisor / Manager

3. How many years of experience do you have in this field?

- a) Less than one year
- b) 1-5 years
- c) 6-10 years
- d) More than 10 years

• What is your Gender?

- a) Male
- b) Female
- c) Other

• What is your Age group?

- a) 18-25
- b) 26-35
- c) 36-45
- d) 46-55
- e) Fifty-six and above

• Do you know that minor injuries can cause major incidents in your workplace?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Probably

• In your opinion, what is the level of correlation between minor injuries and major incidents.

- a) High correlation
 - b) Moderate correlation
 - c) Low correlation
 - d) No correlation
- In your opinion how strongly do you agree with the following statement?
“*Unsafe acts can lead to near misses which may escalate into minor injuries and eventually result in major injuries if not addressed.*”
 - a) I strongly agree.
 - b) Agree
 - c) Neutral
 - d) Disagree
 - e) I strongly disagree.
- What are the most common causes of minor injuries in your workplace?
 - a) Human error
 - b) Insufficient training
 - c) Poor maintenance of equipment
 - d) Unsafe work conditions
 - e) All the above
 - What efforts do you believe to be taken by the organization to improve workplace safety and prevent injuries (select all that apply)
 - a) Increase employee training and more awareness.
 - b) Foster a culture of safety.
 - c) Regularly review and update safety protocols
 - d) Unsafe work conditions
 - e) Others (please specify)
 - Do you think that effort to reduce the causes of minor injuries can reduce major workplace incidents?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Not sure
12. What safety practices does your organization adopt to prevent Minor injuries
- a) Routine safety audits
 - b) Proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - c) Daily Safety briefing
 - d) Safety training programs and reviews
 - e) Regular risk assessments
 - f) Others (please specify)
13. How effective do you think these strategies are in preventing minor injuries?
- a) Highly effective
 - b) Moderately effective
 - c) Slight effective
 - d) Not effective

14. Which of the following strategies do you believe is most effective in preventing workplace injuries from unsafe acts to major incidents?

- a) Reporting of unsafe acts and near misses
- b) Conduct regular safety training and improve hazard awareness.
- c) Enforcement measures to prevent minor and major incidents.
- d) Analysis and corrective action for unsafe acts, nearly miss, minor and major incidents.
- e) A combination of all the above actions

15. What are the added strategies you recommend to further reduce minor injuries in the workplace?

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16. How does your organization promote injury prevention?

- a) Safety awareness
- b) Encourage safety culture.
- c) Enforcing safety protocols
- d) Adherence to safety regulations and policies
- e) All the above

17. Briefly describe an example or provide your opinion

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18. What are the tools and technologies used to monitor and prevent injuries?

- a) Wearables
- b) Environmental monitoring System
- c) AI & Computer Vision System
- d) Risk Analysis and safety apps.
- e) All the above

19. What is the biggest challenge in implementing technology for workplace incident prevention?

- a) Cost

- b) Employee resistance
 - c) Lack of training
 - d) Limited Management support
20. How frequently does your organization review and upgrade safety technologies to prevent workplace injuries?
- a) Regularly
 - b) Occasionally
 - c) Rarely
 - d) Never
21. What-emerging technologies do you think could be implemented to enhance safety and prevent minor injuries?

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Feedback and suggestions

22. What are the main challenges your organization faces in preventing minor injuries?

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23. In your opinion, what steps should organizations take to better address workplace safety and reduce incidents?

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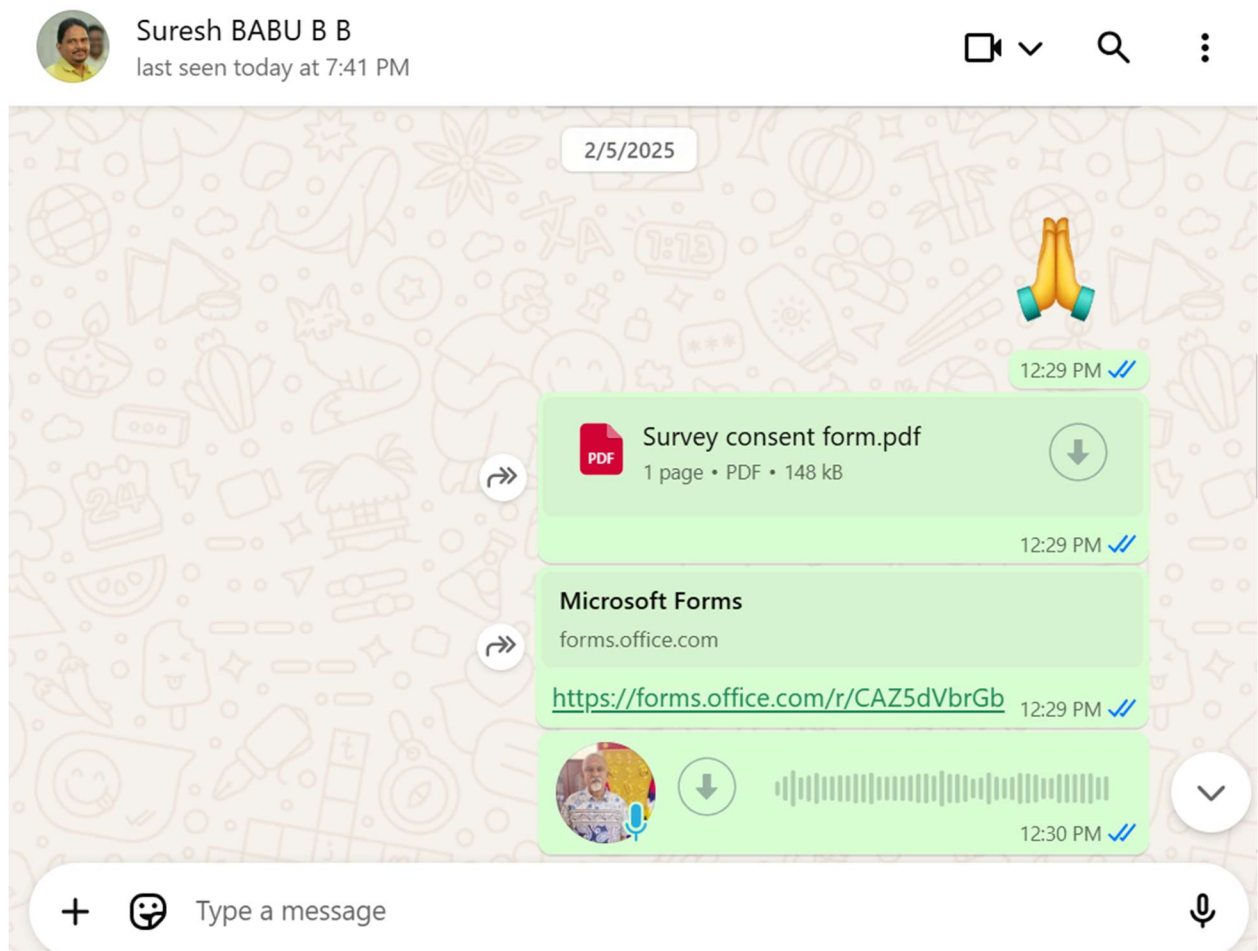
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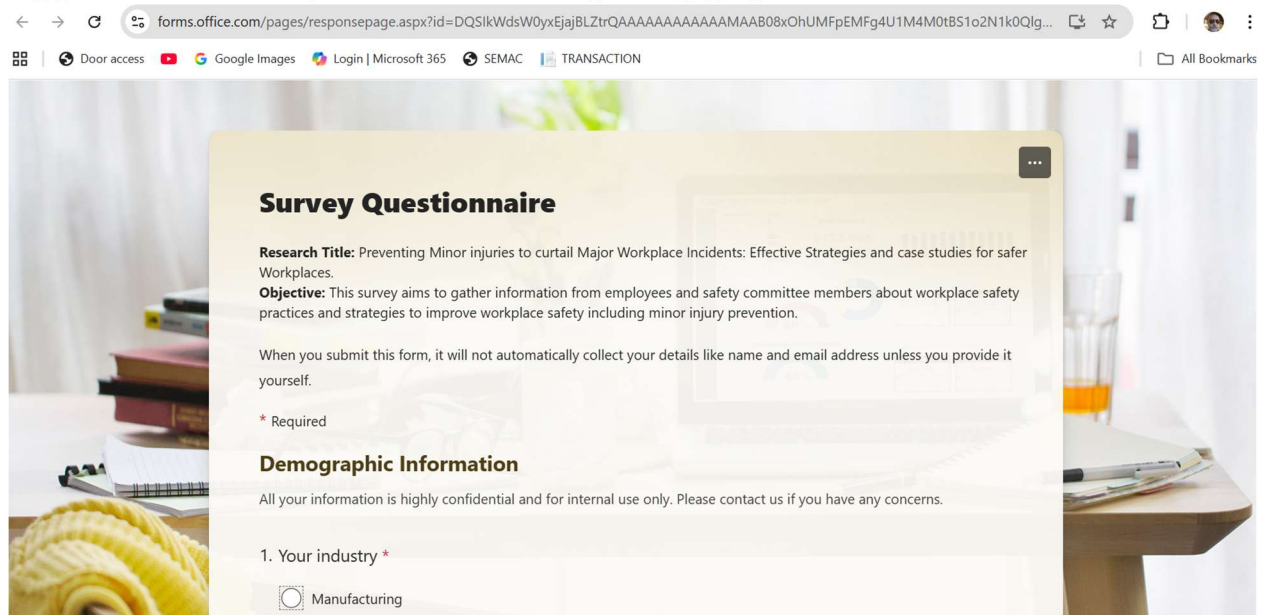
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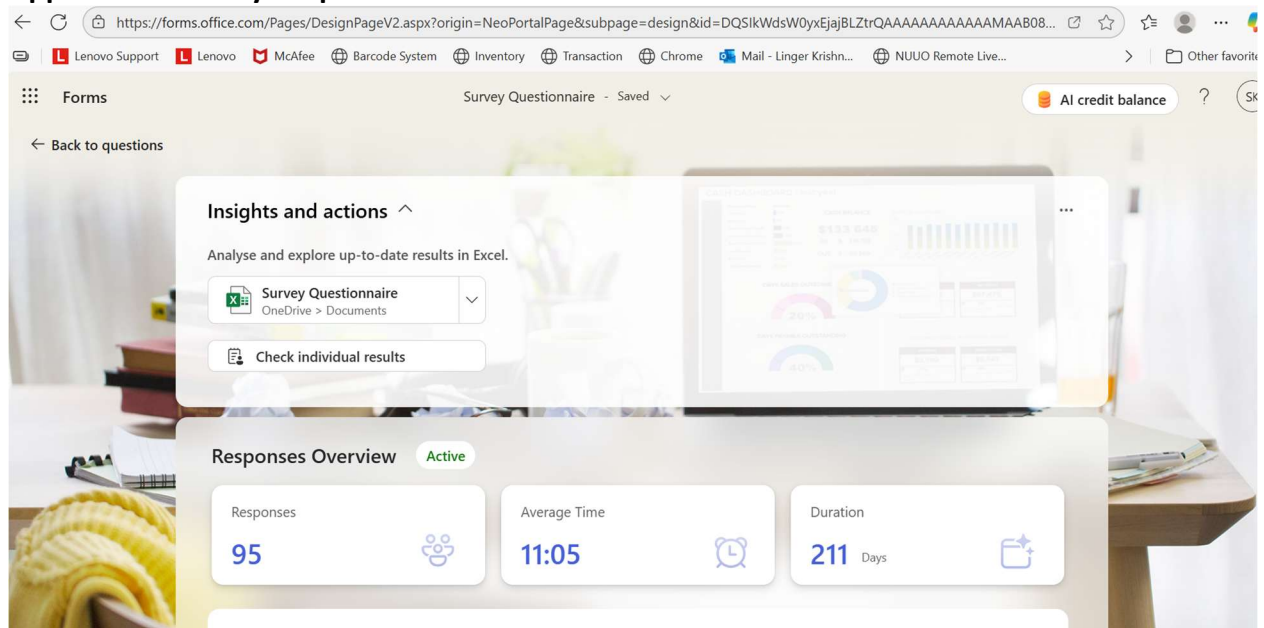
Appendix 3 - Survey Invitation through WhatsApp



Appendix 4: Survey Questionnaire opening page



Appendix 5: Survey Responses



Appendix 6: Survey Results overview

