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Abstract

The objective of this study was to determine the prevalence of workplace slip, trip and fall injuries and obesity in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Data were obtained from the Idaho Falls Department of Health and Human Services (IDHHS) Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIP) database for the period 2008-2010. The study included 29 ± 5 k employees. The prevalence of workplace slip, trip and fall injuries and obesity in this population was 1.2% and 23.5%, respectively. The prevalence of workplace slip, trip and fall injuries and obesity in this population was 1.2% and 23.5%, respectively.

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