## 2.4.1 Event or Exposure—Definition, Rules of Selection

## 4.0 **DEFINITION**

The event or exposure describes the manner in which the injury or illness was produced or inflicted by the source of injury or illness.

## **RULES OF SELECTION:**

- 4.1 When the injury or illness occurred as a result of contact with or exposure to an object or substance, select the event or exposure which best describes the manner in which that contact or exposure occurred.
  - 4.1.1 The event categories are listed in order of precedence, such that the categories are ordered as follows:
    - Violence and other injuries by persons or animals
    - Transportation incidents
    - Fires and explosions
    - Falls, slips, trips
    - Exposure to harmful substances or environments
    - Contact with objects or equipment
    - Overexertion and bodily reaction
    - Nonclassifiable

When two or more of these events occurred, select the first event listed above.

- 4.1.2 In general, when two or more events occurred within the same subcategory, select the first event listed in the code sequence.
- 4.2 Injuries involving the normal worksite tasks and actions of the injured worker and coworkers are considered accidental by default unless information to the contrary is provided.

<sup>\*-</sup>Asterisks denote a summary level code not assigned to individual cases.