In private industry, bodily reaction and exertion, contact with objects and equipment, and falls accounted for 9 out of 10 nonfatal injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in 2008.

Of those cases that were due to contact with objects and equipment, 46.5 percent involved the upper extremities of the body and 30.7 percent resulted in cuts, lacerations, and punctures. Men accounted for 75.7 percent of cases due to contact with objects and equipment, and 63.9 percent of days-away-from-work cases.

**Distribution of injuries and illnesses, by event or exposure, private industry, 2008**

In percent

- **Bodily reaction and exertion**, 38.6%
- **Contact with objects and equipment**, 27.1%
- **Falls**, 21.8%
- **Exposure to harmful substances**, 4.2%
- **Transportation accidents**, 4.5%
- **Assaults and violent acts**, 2.1%
- **Fires and explosions**, 0.2%
- **Other events**, 1.5%