

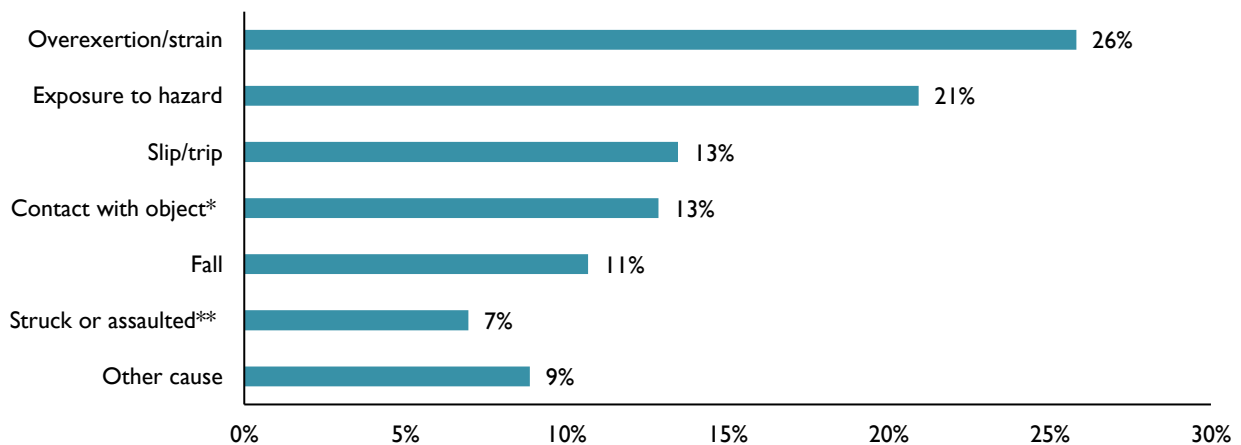


Patterns of Firefighter Fireground Injuries Fact Sheet

NFPA estimates that there were an estimated average of 30,290 fireground injuries per year from 2010 to 2014. An estimated 27,020 fireground injuries in 2014 represents the lowest fireground injury count in the 10 years since 2005.

The leading cause of firefighter fireground injuries was overexertion/strain, accounting for 26% of the total, followed by exposure to hazard, with 21 percent of the injury total. Other leading causes of injury included slip or trip (13%), contact with object (13%), fall (11%), and being struck or assaulted by person, animal, or object (7%).

**Firefighter Fireground Injuries by Cause of Injury, 2010-2014
Annual Averages**



*Contact with object (firefighter moved into, onto)

**Struck or assaulted by person, animal, object

Other Findings:

- The vast majority of injuries occurred while fighting structure fires (89%).
- Fires at residential properties were associated with the largest share of firefighter injuries, with nearly three-quarters of the total (73%).
- One-third of firefighter injuries resulted in lost work time and were classified as either moderately severe (30%) or severe (2%) injuries.
- The majority of firefighter injuries were sustained by career firefighters (79% of the total), with volunteer firefighters experiencing 21% of injuries.