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MOST DANGEROUS PROFESSIONS

Countless Americans put their lives on the line every day to provide the products and services we all depend on to make our lives easier, happier and healthier. Some of the jobs you'd expect to be dangerous are, in fact, dangerous, but there are likely some on this list that will surprise you.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING

5.3 Injuries Per 100 Workers
22.8 Deaths Per 100,000 Workers

If you've seen Deadliest Catch on Discovery Channel, you likely suspect commercial fishing is a pretty dangerous occupation – and you'd be right! Lumped in with fishing are agriculture jobs, including those in farming and livestock.





TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING

4.5 Injuries Per 100 Workers
15 Deaths Per 100,000 Workers

Amazon Prime has more than 100 million subscribers in the United States. Nearly 30 percent of us enjoy the convenience of free two-day shipping, and we all enjoy the convenience of grocery stores and other retailers, which means a lot of warehouses and a lot of delivery and truck drivers. Those dedicated transportation and warehousing professionals do dangerous work to make sure the country's residents get the products they want, when they want them.

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ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

**4.1 Injuries Per 100 Workers
3 Deaths Per 100,000 workers**

Being a musician, actor or an employee at a theme park may not seem like an overly dangerous job, but they actually suffer injuries at the third highest rate in the nation.





HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

3.9 Injuries and Illnesses Per 100 Workers
0.8 Deaths Per 100,000 workers

It's no surprise that hospitals can be a dangerous place, with lots of sick patients and a fair bit of heavy lifting and working with sharp instruments. Social workers are also frequently put in harms way while doing their best to help people in need.

RETAIL

3.5 Injuries and Illnesses Per 100 Workers
1.9 Deaths Per 100,000 workers

Most retail injuries are likely similar to warehouse injuries. These workers are frequently tasked with lifting heavy objects that could easily result in injury if lifted improperly or something heavy falls on them. There's also a decent risk for illness when you're exposed to so many customers daily.





MANUFACTURING

3.4 Injuries Per 100 Workers
2.2 Deaths Per 100,000 Workers

Whenever you're working around heavy machinery that's punching, cutting and bending metals, plastics and potentially volatile chemicals, there's always going to be danger. Manufacturing professionals suffer an injury rate just shy of retail's rate.

HOSPITALITY AND FOOD SERVICE

3.1 Injuries Per 100 Workers
2.2 Deaths Per 100,000 Workers

It's a good thing we tip people in food service and hospitality, because their wage rates are often some of the lowest in the nation, despite how hard many of them work every day. Their jobs also carry a fair amount of risk, especially delivery drivers, people in the kitchens working around scalding oil and hot ovens and wait staff who frequently carry heavy serving trays stacked with precariously balanced plates and glasses.

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CONSTRUCTION

3 Injuries Per 100 Workers
9.5 Deaths Per 100,000 Workers

It's almost surprising that construction is eighth on the list of dangerous professions (it's third when ranking by fatal workplace injuries) considering how many power tools workers are using and the often-dangerous materials they're handling. Laws and OSHA regulations designed to keep construction professionals safe may help keep injuries in this industry to a minimum.

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INJURED WORKERS DESERVE HELP

When people suffer workplace injuries, their entire livelihoods can be put at risk. While many companies do go the extra mile to make sure their injured employees get the resources they need to recover and get back to work, not every injured worker has an easy experience. Injured employees who are struggling to get their employer to honor their workers' compensation claim should consider speaking with qualified workplace injury lawyers.

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