

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY AD HOC MODULE 2007:
ACCIDENTS AT WORK AND WORK-RELATED HEALTH
PROBLEMS**

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Target group: employed persons and previously employed persons in the 5th wave

If employed or has been employed during the past 12 months

TT1johda I will now ask some questions about occupational accidents and work-related illnesses.

If not employed and has not been employed during the past 12 months

TT1johdb I will now ask some questions about work-related illnesses.

OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS

This section covers all employed persons and those unemployed persons who have been employed during the past 12 months according to questions M2, M2c, M4 and L1 (time of interview – time of termination of employment <= 12 months)

If employed or has been employed during the past 12 months

TT1 Have you had any occupational accidents in your gainful employment during the past 12 months? (Injuries sustained during travel between home and workplace are not taken into account.)

- 1. Yes → TT2
- 2. No → TT11
- Cannot say → TT11

Occupational accident: sudden injury sustained while doing gainful work, at the workplace or during work-related travel. Injuries sustained during travel between home and workplace are not taken into account.

If TT1 = 1

TT2 How many occupational accidents have you had during the past 12 months?

- 1. One → TT3
- 2. Two or more → TT3intr.
- Cannot say → TT3intr.

If TT2=2, cannot say

TT3johd **The following questions concern the latest occupational accident.** → TT3

If TT1 = 1

TT3 **Did the accident occur:**

1. in traffic
2. or at the workplace?

Cannot say

Occupational accident: sudden injury sustained while doing gainful work, at the workplace or during work-related travel. Injuries sustained during travel between home and workplace are not taken into account.

employed → TT4
other → TT5

If employed and TT1=1

TT4 **In which job did the (latest) occupational accident occur? Did it occur:**

1. in your current main job → TT6
2. *If the interviewee has a secondary job:* in your current secondary job → TT6
3. in the job you had one year ago → TT6
4. or in some other job? → TT6

Cannot say → TT6

Select the first appropriate one in numerical order. E.g. if the interviewee's current principal job is the same as his/her job one year ago, select code 1.

Jobs mentioned by the interviewee:

T6 (current main job): name of job

S3 (current secondary job): name of job

T31 (job one year ago): name of job

Indicate names of jobs from questions T6, S3 and T31. Indicate alternative 2 only if T1=2.

If not employed but has been employed during the past 12 months and TT1=1

TT5 **In which job did the (latest) occupational accident occur? Did it occur:**

1. in your latest job → TT6
2. in the job you had one year ago → TT6
3. or in some other job? → TT6

Cannot say → TT6

Select the first appropriate one in numerical order. E.g. if the interviewee's latest job is the same as his/her job one year ago, select code 1.

Jobs mentioned by the interviewee:

M8 (latest job): name of job

E19 (job one year ago): name of job

Indicate names of jobs from questions M8 and E19.

	If TT1 = 1	
TT6	Were you absent from gainful work because of the (latest) accident?	
	1. Yes	employed → TT7 not employed → TT7b
	2. No	→ TT11
	Cannot say	→ TT11
	 If employed and TT6=1	
TT7	Have you already returned to work after your accident?	
	1. Yes	→ TT8
	2. No	→ TT9
	Cannot say	→ TT9
	 If TT6=1 and not employed but has been employed during the past 12 months	
TT7b	Did you return to work after the accident?	
	1. Yes	→ TT8
	2. No	→ TT9
	Cannot say	→ TT9
	 If TT7=1 or TT7b=1	
TT8	How many full calendar days were you absent from work or unfit for work because of the accident?	
	01. Returned to work on the same day	→ TT11
	02. Returned to work on the following day	→ TT11
	03. 1–3 full days	→ TT11
	04. At least 4 days, but less than 2 weeks	→ TT11
	05. At least 2 weeks, but less than 4 weeks	→ TT11
	06. At least 1 month, but less than 3 months	→ TT11
	07. At least 3 months, but less than 6 months	→ TT11
	08. At least 6 months, but less than 9 months	→ TT11
	09. At least 9 months	→ TT11
	Cannot say	→ TT11

If necessary, read out the alternatives.

If the interviewee has not returned to work immediately after having recovered from the accident (e.g. part-time work, holidays), mark the time that he/she was unfit for work because of the accident.

If TT7=2, cannot say or TT7b=2, cannot say

TT9	Although you have not returned to gainful work, have you already recovered enough to be able to work?	
	1. Yes	→ TT9b
	2. No	→ TT10
	Cannot say	→ TT10

If TT9=1

TT9b	Could you estimate when you had recovered enough to be able to work after the accident you mentioned?	
	01. On the same day	→ TT11
	02. On the next day	→ TT11
	03. 2–4 days after the accident	→ TT11
	04. At least 5 days, but less than 2 weeks after the accident	→ TT11
	05. At least 2 weeks, but less than 4 weeks after the accident	→ TT11
	06. At least 1 month, but less than 3 months after the accident	→ TT11
	07. At least 3 months, but less than 6 months after the accident	→ TT11
	08. At least 6 months, but less than 9 months after the accident	→ TT11
	09. At least 9 months after the accident	→ TT11
	Cannot say	→ TT11

If necessary, read out the alternatives.
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If TT9=2, cannot say

TT10	Do you think you will be able to return to gainful work?	
	1. Yes	→ TT11
	2. No	→ TT11
	Cannot say	→ TT11

WORK-RELATED ILLNESSES

This section covers all employed persons and those unemployed persons who have previously been employed (employed or M1=1)

If employed or M1=1

TT11

During the past 12 months, have you had illnesses or symptoms which you think have been caused by your current or previous gainful work, or which are made worse by your work?

1. Yes

→ TT12

2. No

Cannot say

Both physical and mental illnesses and symptoms are taken into account, but not accidents.

The illness or symptom does not have to be diagnosed as work-related, the interviewee's opinion is sufficient.

2 or cannot say: Employed → TT24

Employed during 12 months → TT33

Other not employed → END

If TT11=1

TT12

How many different work-related illnesses or symptoms have you had during the past 12 months?

1. One

→ TT13

2. Two or more

→ TT13johd

Cannot say

→ TT13johd

If the interviewee has had symptoms of the same illness on several occasions, they are counted as one illness.

If TT12=2, cannot say

TT13johd

The following questions relate to your most serious work-related illness or symptom.

→ TT13

Most serious = an illness or symptom that causes inconvenience or limits a person's functioning ability most.

If TT11=1

TT13

What kind of an illness or symptom do you suffer from? Is it:

01. A problem in the neck, shoulders or hands

→ TT14

02. A problem in the lower body area (hips, legs, feet)

→ TT14

03. A back condition

→ TT14

04. A disease of the respiratory system

→ TT14

05. A skin disease

→ TT14

06. A hearing problem

→ TT14

07. A problem related to mental well-being (stress, depression, anxiety)

→ TT14

08. Headache or eyestrain

→ TT14

09. A problem related to the heart or the circulatory system

→ TT14

10. An infectious (inflammatory) disease → TT14
 11. Other illness or symptom → TT14
 Cannot say → TT14

If necessary, read out the alternatives.

Most serious = an illness or symptom that causes inconvenience or limits a person's functioning ability most. The interviewee decides which one is the most serious illness.

If TT11=1

TT14 Does this (most serious) illness or symptom limit your daily functioning:

1. to some extent
2. considerably
3. or not at all?

Cannot say

Both daily functioning at work and outside work are taken into account.

Employed and employed during the past 12 months → TT15

not employed during the past 12 months → TT20

If TT11=1 and (employed or has been employed during the past 12 months)

TT15 During the past 12 months, have you been absent from gainful work because of the (most serious) work-related illness or symptom you mentioned?

1. Yes → TT16
2. No

Cannot say

If 2 or Cannot say: Employed → TT22, not employed → TT23

If TT15=1

TT16 Have you already returned to work?

1. Yes → TT19
2. No → TT17
- Cannot say → TT18

If TT16=2

TT17 You have not returned to gainful employment. Is this because of the (most serious) work-related illness you mentioned?

1. Yes → TT18
2. Has not returned to work for other reasons → TT19
- Cannot say → TT19

If TT16=cannot say or TT17=1

TT18

Do you think you will be able to return to gainful work despite the (most serious) work-related illness or symptom?

1. Yes

→ TT19

2. No

employed →

TT22

not employed →

TT23

Cannot say

→ TT19

If TT15=1 and TT18≠2

TT19

For how long have you been absent from work or unfit for work during the past 12 months because of this (most serious) illness or symptom?

1. Less than one full day

→ TT22

2. 1–3 days

→ TT22

3. At least 4 days, but less than 2 weeks

→ TT22

4. At least 2 weeks, but less than 4 weeks

→ TT22

5. At least 1 month, but less than 3 months

→ TT22

6. At least 3 months, but less than 6 months

→ TT22

7. At least 6 months, but less than 9 months

→ TT22

8. 9 months or longer

→ TT22

Cannot say

→ TT22

If necessary, read out the alternatives.

Only absences due to the (most serious) work-related illness or symptom concerned are taken into account. If there are several absences due to the same reason, their durations are added up.

If TT11=1 and (not employed and last employment ended over 12 months ago)

TT20

You have not been gainfully employed during the past 12 months. Is this because of the (most serious) work-related illness or symptom you mentioned?

1. Yes

→ TT21

2. No

Cannot say

2 or cannot say: employed during the past 8 years → TT23
otherwise → END

If TT20=1

TT21 Do you think you will be able to return to gainful work despite the (most serious) work-related illness or symptom?

1. Yes → TT22
 2. No → TT22
 Cannot say → TT22

If TT11=1 and employed

TT22 What work caused your illness or worsened the symptoms? Was it:

1. your current main job → TT24
 2. *If the interviewee has a secondary job:* your current secondary job → TT24
 3. the job you had one year ago → TT24
 4. or some other job? → TT24
 Cannot say → TT24

Select the first appropriate one in numerical order. E.g. if the interviewee's current main job is the same as his/her job one year ago, select code 1.

Jobs mentioned by the interviewee:

T6 (current main job): name of job
 S3 (current secondary job): name of job
 T31 (the job one year ago): name of job

Indicate names of jobs from questions T6, S3 and E19.

Indicate choice 2 only if T1=2.

If TT11=1 and not employed, but has been employed during the past 8 years

TT23 What work caused your illness or worsened the symptoms? Was it:

1. your latest job
 2. the job you had one year ago
 3. or some other job?

Cannot say

Jobs mentioned by the interviewee:

M8 (latest job): Name of job
 E19 (the job one year ago): Name of job

Indicate names of jobs from questions M8 and E19.

If the interviewee has been employed less than 12 months ago → TT33

Others → END

THREATS TO WELL-BEING AT THE WORKPLACE

This section covers all employed interviewees

TT24johd The following questions relate to factors at your workplace which can threaten your health and well-being. The questions concern your current main job.

All employed

**TT24
M** In your work, are you subjected to harassment or bullying which affects your mental well-being?

- 1. Yes → TT25
- 2. No → TT25
- Cannot say → TT25

All employed

**TT25
M** In your work, is there a risk greater than usual to be subjected to violence or threat of violence?

- 1. Yes → TT26
- 2. No → TT26
- Cannot say → TT26

All employed

**TT26
M** In your work, do you experience time or work pressure which affects your mental well-being?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- Cannot say

more than 1 yes answers to questions TT24–TT26 → TT27
otherwise → TT28

If more than one yes-answers to questions TT24–TT26

**TT27
M**

In your opinion, which of the factors you have mentioned affects your mental well-being most? Is it:

- 1. harassment or bullying → TT28
- 2. violence or threat of violence → TT28
- 3. or time or work pressure? → TT28
- Cannot say → TT28

Read out the alternatives, the interviewee should pick one of the mentioned (avoid the cannot say -alternative!).

Indicate only the alternatives the interviewee has selected in questions TT24–TT26.

All employed

**TT28
M**

In your work, are you exposed to chemicals, dust, fumes, smoke or gas to an extent that it could compromise your health?

- 1. Yes → TT29
- 2. No → TT29
- Cannot say → TT29

Exposure means handling, touching or breathing the substances mentioned above.

All employed

**TT29
M**

In your work, are you exposed to noise or vibration to an extent that it could compromise your health?

- 1. Yes → TT30
- 2. No → TT30
- Cannot say → TT30

All employed

**TT30
M**

Are you required to work in uncomfortable positions, make strenuous movements or lift heavy loads?

- 1. Yes → TT31
- 2. No → TT31
- Cannot say → TT31

All employed

TT31
M

Does your work involve a greater than usual risk of accidents?

1. Yes
2. No
- Cannot say

More than 1 yes-answers to questions TT28–TT31 → TT32
otherwise → TT33

If more than 1 yes answers to questions TT28–TT31

TT32
M

In your opinion, which of the factors you have mentioned is the most harmful to your health? Is it:

1. chemicals, dust, fumes, smoke or gas → TT33
2. noise or vibration → TT33
3. uncomfortable working positions, strenuous movements or handling of heavy loads → TT33
4. or risk of accidents? → TT33
- Cannot say → TT33

Read out the alternatives, the interviewee should pick one of the mentioned (avoid the cannot say -alternative!).

Indicate the alternatives the interviewee has selected in questions TT28–TT31.

VIOLENCE AT WORK

This section covers all employed persons and those unemployed persons who have been employed during the past 12 months. (Time of interview – year and month from questions M2 and M2c < = 12 months)

If employed or has been employed during the past 12 months

TT33

During the past 12 months at work or on the way to work, have you been:

Multiple choice

1. subjected to violence that left visible physical marks → TT34/TT35
2. subjected to violence that did not leave visible physical marks → TT34/TT35
3. threatened so that you were frightened? → TT34/TT35
4. none of the above → END
- Cannot say → END

Violence refers to any incident in which physical or sexual violence was exercised, attempted, or threatened with.

On the way to work refers to the journey between the home and the workplace or some other regular journey (e.g. to a place where lunch is eaten regularly).

If more than one yes-answers to TT33

TT34 Which of the following occurred most recently?

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|---|--------|
| 1. Violence that left visible marks | → TT35 |
| 2. Violence that did not leave physical marks | → TT35 |
| 3. Threatening | → TT35 |
| Cannot say | → TT35 |

Read out the alternatives only if the interviewee cannot remember them.

If TT22 = 1–3

TT35 Did the (latest) violent act take place:

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 1. at work | → TT36 |
| 2. or during the journey between home and workplace? | → TT36 |
| Cannot say | → TT36 |

If TT22 = 1–3

TT36 Who committed the (latest) violent act? Was it:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1. a customer, patient, student or other similar person | → END |
| 2. a co-worker | → END |
| 3. another acquaintance | → END |
| 4. or a complete stranger? | → END |
| Cannot say | → END |

Code 1 covers both the customers of service professions and persons subjected to measures by care professionals, the police or other similar authorities.

END OF AD HOC MODULE, introduction to the household section follows next.