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

TT3

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.

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
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  
2. Two or more  
Cannot say

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  
02. A problem in the lower body area (hips, legs, feet)  
03. A back condition  
04. A disease of the respiratory system  
05. A skin disease  
06. A hearing problem  
07. A problem related to mental well-being (stress, depression, anxiety)  
08. Headache or eyestrain  
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 → TT22
   - 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 → TT21

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  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  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  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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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?**

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.