

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIABLE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBO DURING 1986

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All fatal accidents and those accidents which disable the victims from earning full wages for more than 3 days from the work which they are employed for in premises defined as Factories under the Factories Ordinance, Chapter 128 of Legislative Enactments of Sri Lanka, are considered to be notifiable accidents. This paper analyses the data of 1282 notifiable accidents with respect to industrial groupings, age groups, sex, specific time periods, position of injuries and the causative factors. The analysis reveals that the highest incidence of notifiable accidents occur in the petro-chemical industries followed by the metal based industries. The time analysis reveals that the victims are accident prone between 1000hrs. to 1200 hrs. followed by the period 0800 hrs. to 1000 hrs. Case studies to illustrate the importance of engineering methods in reducing the accidents are also presented.