Plant Nursery Worker Safety Stats and Facts



FACTS

1. The most common injuries affecting plant nursery workers are sprains and strains to the lower back and shoulders caused by manual handling.

2. Issues effecting plant nurseries, include:

- manual handling
- sun exposure and heat stress
- exposure to hazardous chemicals and changing to GHS
- working safely near machinery or plants
- working with forklifts

3. Common Nurseries Risks

- equipment Breakdown Risks
- damaged Products
- stolen Property

STATS

- 49% of all injuries in the industry are caused by manual handling tasks. Lifting and carrying bags and plants are one of the most common causes of injury in the Nursery & Garden industry.
- Most injuries (81%) do not have lasting implications. In 2020, 380 accidents were reported in that region. That is slightly down from 2019,
- Of the accidents in 2020, 126 were not serious, and in 173 cases, the worker was temporarily disabled. In 80 cases, the injured party is unable to return to work for good. One person died on the job.