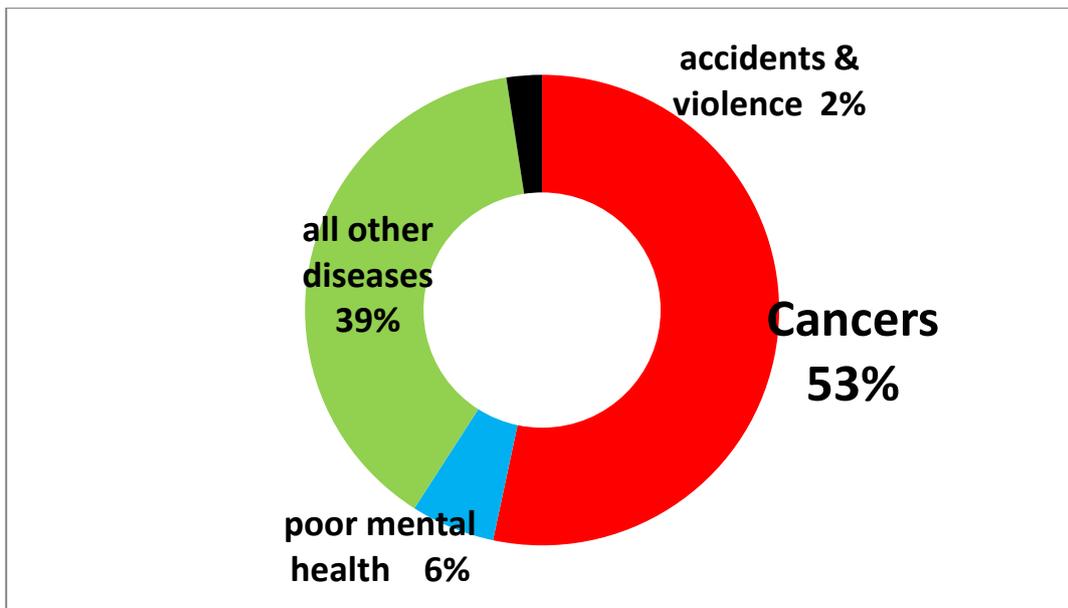


AT LEAST 1 in 5 LUNG CANCER DEATHS IN MEN DUE TO EXPOSURES AT WORK

According to world work expert, Dr Takala from the Workplaces Safety and Health Institute Singapore, exposures at work cause 6-8% percent of all cancer and among men 17-29% of all lung cancer deaths.

Dr Takala estimates that cancers caused by work account for 53% of work related diseases.



50 carcinogens account for more than 80% of all exposures at work – in Australia this includes

- UV radiation from sun light - any outdoor workers
- Artificial UV radiation e.g. welders
- Diesel exhaust - diesel mechanics, auto technicians working on diesel engines, working underground mines
- Shiftwork – night work
- Crystalline silica e.g. mining industry lab workers
- Benzene
- Second hand tobacco smoke – especially amongst tradespeople
- Lead
- Asbestos – maintenance and asbestos removal
- Trichloroethylene – metal workers
- Chromium, cadmium, nickel – welders, metal and aerospace workers

As cancer takes a long time to develop – the only solution is – decrease exposures.

Has your workplace adopted measures to make sure no-one is exposed to the cancer risks above?