

**Appendix VI-A. BLS Injury Categories Likely To Include
Employer-Reported Musculoskeletal Disorders**

BLS Code	Nature of Injury	Description
00	Traumatic injuries and disorders, unspecified	This major group classifies traumatic injuries and disorders when the only information available describes the incident as traumatic. For example, employee was hurt in car accident.
01	Traumatic injuries to bones, nerves, spinal cord	This major group classifies traumatic injuries to the bones, nerves, or spinal cord which include breaking and dislocating bones and cartilage and traumatic injury to the brain, spinal cord, and nerves.
011	Dislocations	subluxations; slipped, ruptured, or herniated disc; partial displacement; and fractured or broken cartilage
012	Fractures	closed fractures for which no open wound exists; open fractures for which there is an accompanying open wound; comminuted, compound, depressed, elevated, fissured, greenstick, impacted, linear, march, simple, and spiral fracture; and slipped epiphysis
013	Traumatic injuries to spinal cord	severed spinal cord, nonfatal severed spinal cord resulting from a gunshot wound, traumatic transient paralysis, anterior cord syndrome, lesion of spinal cord, and central cord syndrome
014	Traumatic injuries to nerves, except the spinal cord	This nature group classifies traumatic injuries to nerves other than the spinal cord. Cranial nerves, peripheral nerve of the shoulder or pelvic girdle, and nerves of the limb are possible locations for injuries in this nature group. Diseases or disorders of the nervous system that occur over time as a result of repetitive activity, such as carpal tunnel syndrome, are classified in major group 12. Includes division of nerve, lesion in continuity, traumatic neuroma.
018	Multiple traumatic injuries to bones, nerves, spinal cord	This nature group classifies multiple injuries and disorders of equal severity within Traumatic injuries to bones, nerves, spinal cord, major group 01.
019	Traumatic injuries to bones, nerves, spinal cord, n.e.c.	

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020	Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc., unspecified	Traumatic injuries that affect the muscles, tendons, ligaments or joints; exact nature of disorder not specified in employer's report.
021**	Sprains, strains, tears	This nature group classifies cases of sprains and strains of muscles, joints tendons, and ligaments. Diseases or disorders affecting the musculoskeletal system, including tendonitis and bursitis, which generally occur over time as a result of repetitive activity should be coded in Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, major group 17. Includes avulsion, hemarthrosis,, rupture, strain, sprain, or tear of joint capsule, ligament, muscle, or tendon. Excludes hernia (153), lacerations of tendons in open wounds(034), torn cartilage (011).
029	Injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc., n.e.c.	This nature group classifies injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, etc. that are not classified elsewhere in this major group.
0972* * 0973* * 0978 0979	Back pain, hurt back Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back Multiple nonspecified injuries and disorders Nonspecified injuries and disorders, n.e.c.	Subcategories under nature group 097, Nonspecified injuries and disorders, which includes traumatic injuries and disorders where some description of the manifestation of the trauma is provided and generally where the part of body has been identified. Subcategory 0972 includes hurt back, backache, low back pain.
099	Other traumatic injuries and disorders, n.e.c.	
1240 1241* * 1249	Disorders of the peripheral nervous system, unspecified Carpal tunnel syndrome Other disorders of the peripheral nervous system, n.e.c.	Subcategories under nature group 124, Disorders of the peripheral nervous system, which includes the nerves and ganglia located outside the brain and spinal cord. Subcategory 1249 includes Bell's palsy, tarsal tunnel syndrome, other mononeuritis of the extremities, nontraumatic lesion of the median, ulnar and radial nerves, muscular dystrophies.
1371	Raynaud's syndrome or phenomenon	Subcategory under nature group 137, Diseases of arteries, arterioles, capillaries.

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153**	Hernia	This nature group classifies hernias of the abdominal cavity. Includes: femoral (1539), esophageal (1539), hiatal (1532), inguinal (1531), paraesophageal (1539) scrotal (1531), umbilical (1539), and ventral (1533) hernias. Excludes: herniated disc (011), herniated brain (1231), and strangulations (091).

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17**	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders.	This major group classifies diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.
170	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	
171	Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	This nature group classifies joint diseases and related disorders with or without association with infections. Includes: ankylosis of the joint, arthritis, arthropathy, and polyarthritis. Excludes: disorders of the spine (172), gouty arthropathy (1919), rheumatic fever with heart involvement(131).
172	Dorsopathies	This nature group classifies conditions affecting the back and spine. Includes: spondylitis and spondylosis of the spine (1729); intervertebral disc disorders, except dislocation (1723); sciatica (1721); lumbago (1722); and other nontraumatic backaches (1729). Excludes: dislocated disc (011), curvature of the spine (1741), fractured spine (012), herniated disc (011), ruptured disc (011), traumatic sprains and strains involving the back (021), and other traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, or joints of the back (02), and traumatic back pain or backache (0972).
173	Rheumatism, except the back	This nature group classifies disorders marked by inflammation, degeneration, or metabolic derangement of the connective tissue structure of the body, especially the joints and related structures of muscles, bursae, tendons and fibrous tissue. Generally, these codes should be used when the condition occurred over time as a result of repetitive activity. Includes: rotator cuff syndrome (1739), rupture of synovium (1739), and trigger finger (1739). Excludes: rheumatism affecting the back is included in code (172), traumatic injuries and disorders affecting the muscles, tendons, ligaments and joints (02).
174	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities	This group is comprised of diseases of bones, diseases of cartilage, and acquired musculoskeletal deformities. Includes: osteomyelitis, periostitis and other infections involving bone; and acquired curvature of the spine.
179	Musculoskeletal system and	

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4120 4128 4129	Symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems, unspecified Multiple symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems Symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems, n.e.c.	Subcategories under nature group 412, Symptoms involving nervous and musculoskeletal systems, which includes symptoms specific to either the nervous or musculoskeletal systems. Subcategory 4129 includes abnormality of gait, lack of coordination, tetany, and meningismus.
414	Symptoms involving head and neck	This nature group classifies symptoms which are specific to either the head or neck. Includes: throat pain (4149), aphasia (4149), and epistaxis/nosebleed (4149).

** Categories included in OSHA's preliminary risk assessment.

Source: Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual, Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 1992 (Ex. 26-1272)