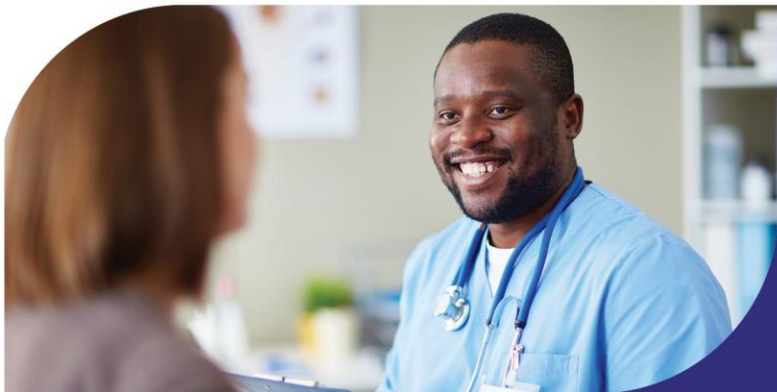




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# Work at Height CIF Summit 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025



Joan Flynn – Senior Inspector Construction  
Inspection & Policy

# Introduction

- HSA Senior Inspector – Vision
- Real lives Impacted
- Fatality and Serious accident stats
- HSA Campaign Findings 2024
- Prevention of Falls from Height (FFH)
- The Ask – Collaboration, Influence, Promotion, Inspection



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# NO FALLS WEEK

*Help us save lives by stopping falls*

- Launched in 2024
- Raise Awareness of Falls from Height
- Aim – knowledge, tools, inspiration
- Education, Research, Support

## The Impact of Life After A Fall

Victim of a fall from height - Jason Anker



"We were eager to please the client, but the work was unplanned. After finishing the job, I went down an unsupported ladder, which slipped."

**Jason Anker**

**HSA**

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### Jason Anker MBE

No Falls Foundation Ambassador Jason, has led the way in promoting safety and best practice. Jason was paralysed from the waist down following an avoidable accident when he fell from a ladder in 1993.

Since then he has gone on to talk openly and powerfully about the physical and physiological effects of his experience and was awarded an MBE for his passionate commitment to trying to make sure what happened to him doesn't happen to others.

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### Paul Blanchard

No Falls Foundation Ambassador Paul, broke his back, fractured 18 ribs and suffered head injuries and a punctured lung following a fall from height. He was in an induced coma for three months and in hospital for six.

Like all our ambassadors, he has since used that experience to positive effect and regularly shares his story to help keep people safe. For going 'above and beyond' with his safety message he was previously awarded RoSPA's Archangel Award.

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### Dylan Skelhorn

No Falls Foundation Ambassador Dylan, was working as a solid fuel heating engineer when the chimney he was working on collapsed and he fell 10 metres onto a brick wall sustaining severe multiple injuries.

His story is a harsh reminder that these kinds of accidents continue to happen which is why he regularly addresses audiences at companies and organisations both large and small to drive home the importance of height safety.

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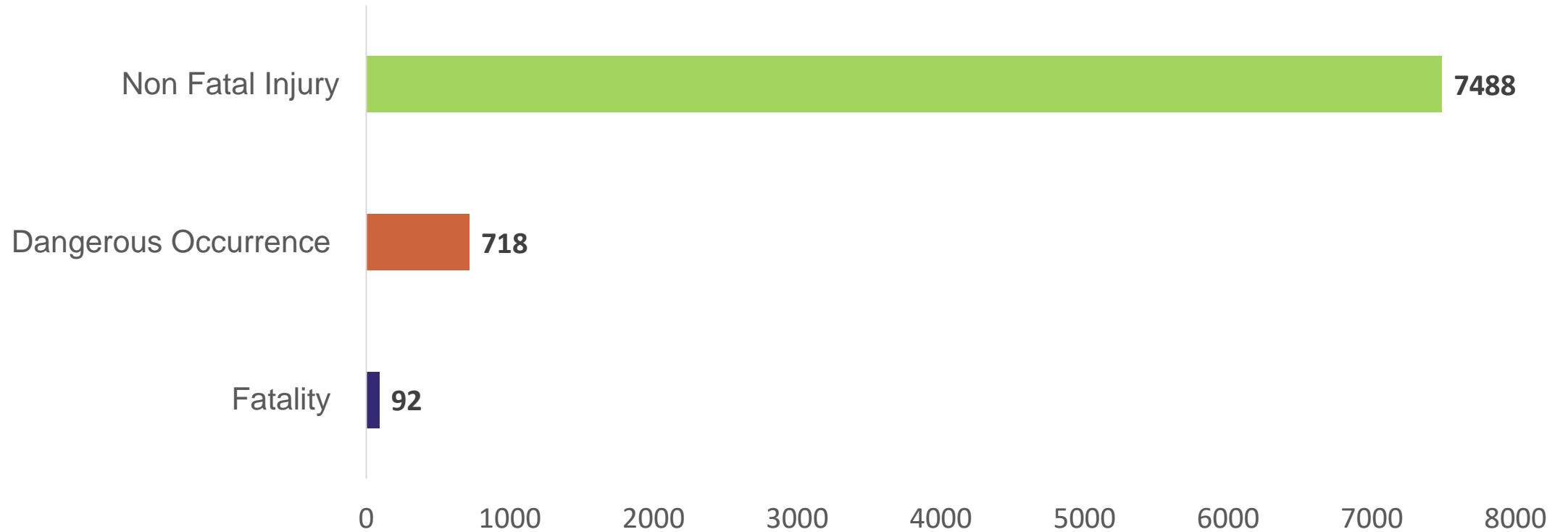
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# HSA Statistics Construction

## NACE F – CONSTRUCTION 2015-2024

Total Incidents: 8298

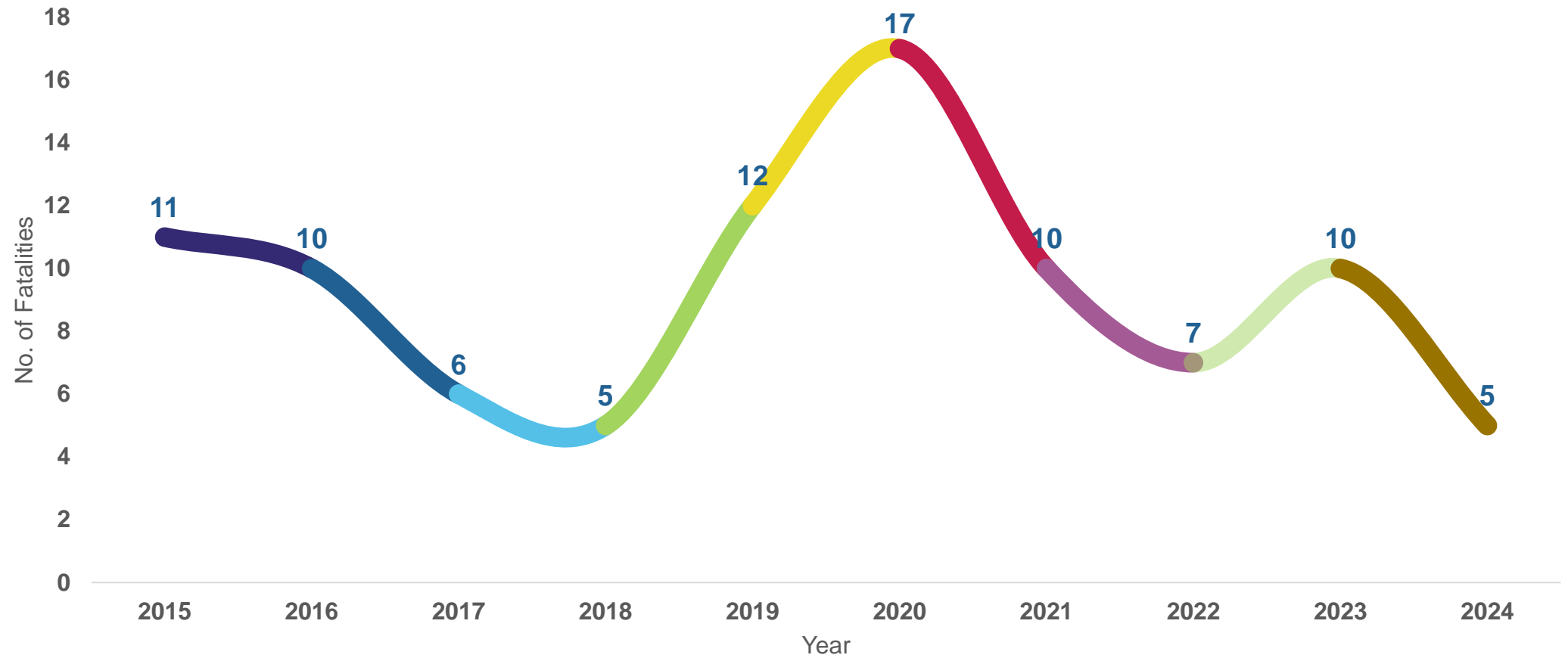
### NACE F Incident Types



## NACE F – CONSTRUCTION 2015-2024

Fatal Incidents: 92

By Year





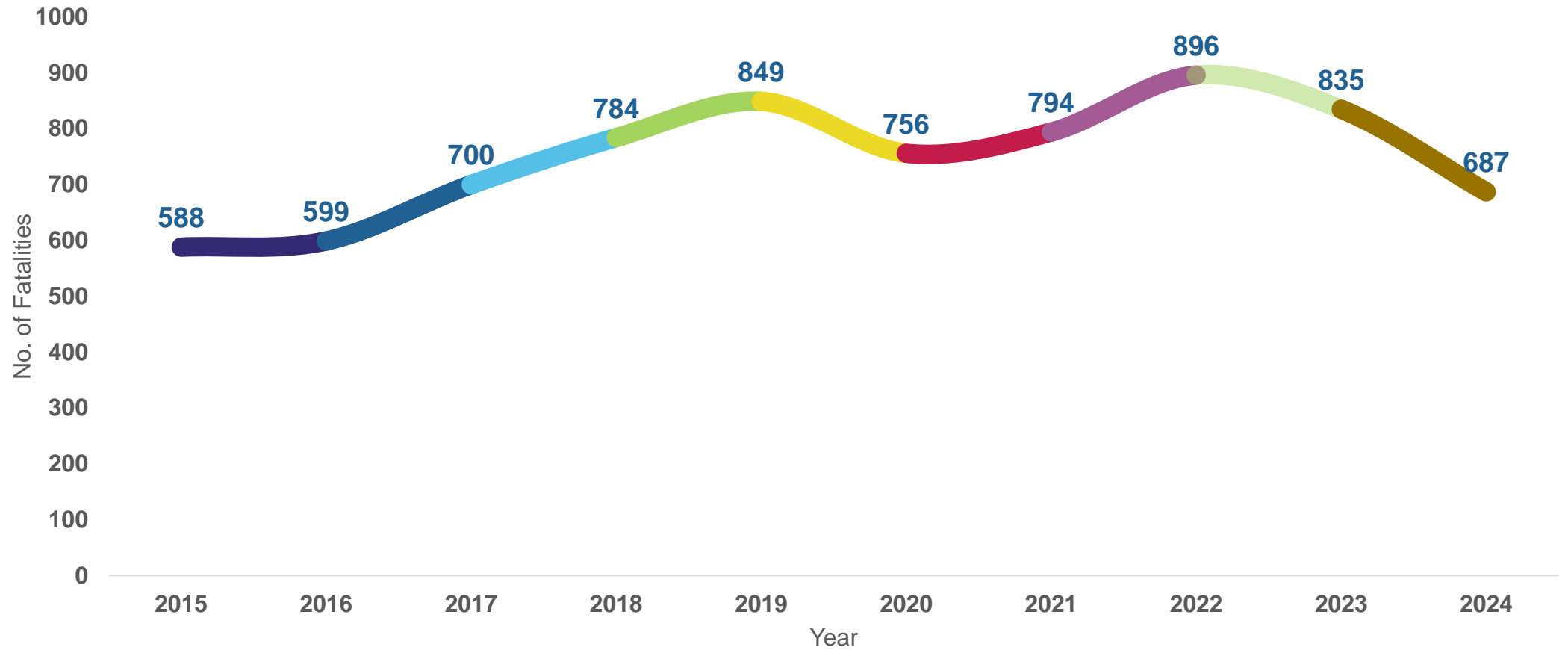
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## Non-Fatal Incidents: 7488



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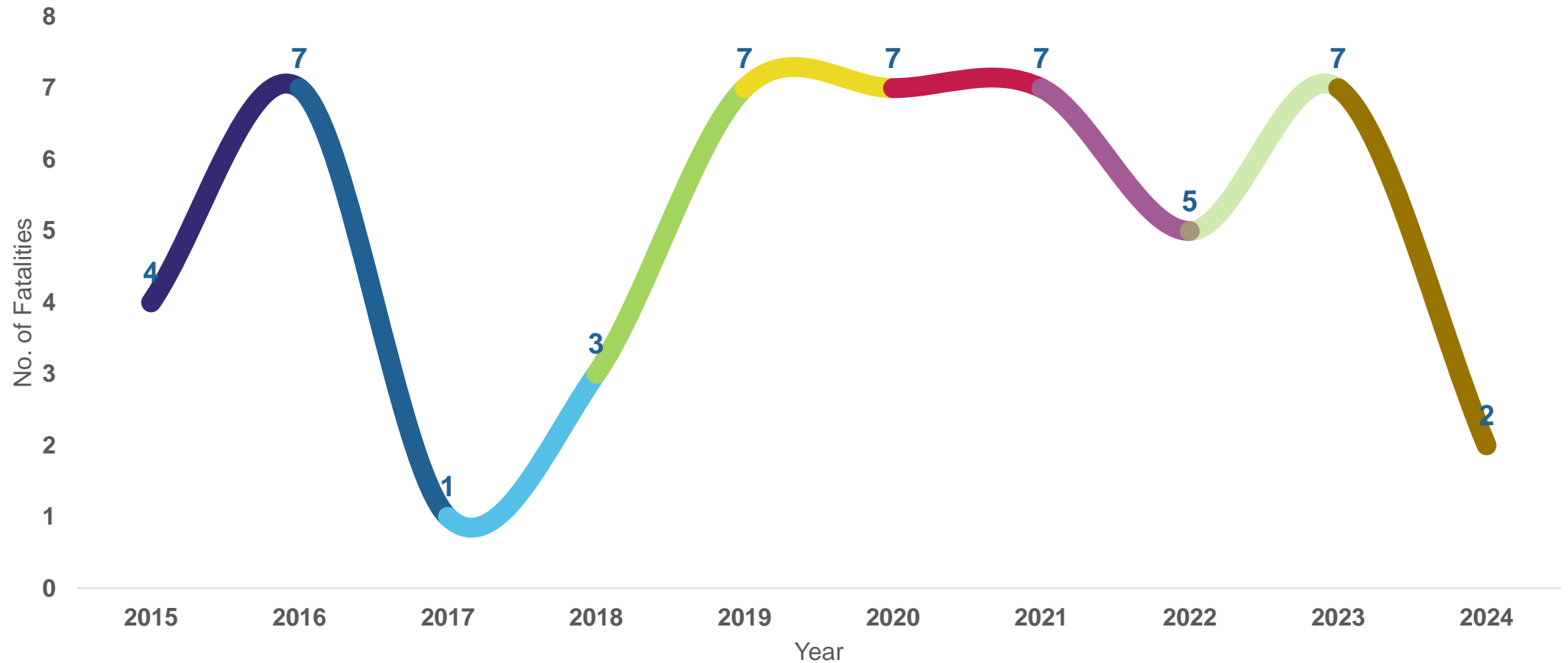
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# HSA Statistics Construction Work At Height

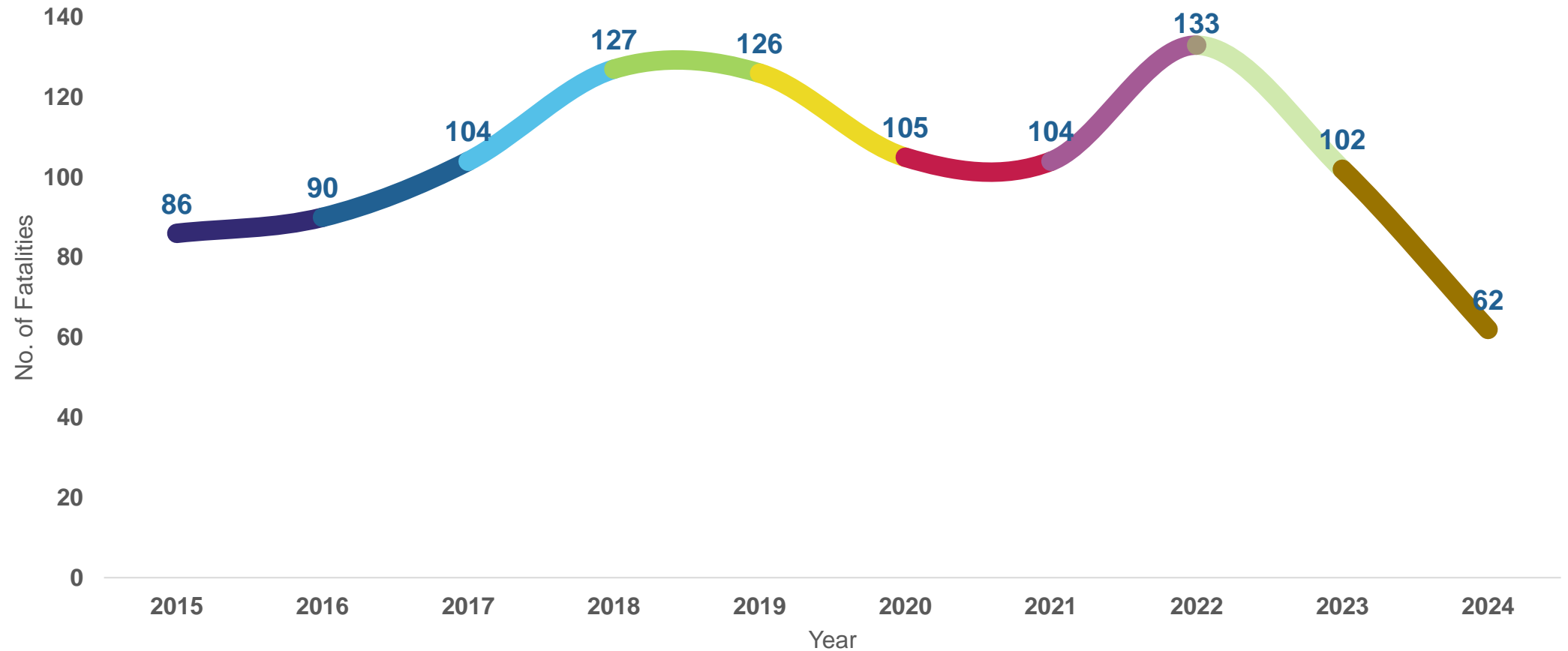
# NACE F – CONSTRUCTION 2015-2024

## working at height fatalities



# NACE F – CONSTRUCTION 2015-2024

## working at height Non-fatal incidents







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## HSA Campaign Findings 2024





# Work at Height Examples

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# Working At Height Campaign 2024

21<sup>st</sup> Oct – 22<sup>nd</sup> of Nov 2024

- 183 Inspections = W@H Hazard
- 92% of Inspections issued with Enforcement
- 32% – Prohibition Notice issued (stopping activity)

# Working At Height Campaign 2024

- Scaffolding – Main Challenge
- 31 Scaffolds with no weekly inspection GA 3 Forms completed
- 12 Scaffolds erected with no Training/CSCS cards



# Cause of FFH & Research Methods to Prevent FFH

## Generic Causation Factors - FFH

- Individual behaviour
- The Construction environment
- Task/activity performed
- Platforms/ suitable equipment
- Environmental conditions

These factors are interrelated with each other.



# Preventative Methods to Avoid FFH

- Educating and training
- Designing short safety training courses
- Seminars and talks focusing on work at height risks - positive impacts on workers' behaviour
- Properly planned and organised
- Design out the risk, eliminate or reduce the risk
- Improve unsafe designs
- Get the Safety message to Smaller Contractors



# What is the ask?

- PSDP – Inform Clients of Duty to Make Appointments
- Design – Planning: **Eliminate** the need for W@H
- Scaffold - Complex structures outside Standard Design Configuration require a Design – Software Available
- Prepared by a Competent Person i.e. Design Engineer
- Erected by advanced or Level 2 scaffolder
- Designs in the H&S Plan
- PSCS to co ordinate contractors use of scaffold

# Collectively Responsibility

- Collaborative effort: HSA, Clients, Employers, Designers/ PSDP, Project Supervisor Construction Stage/ PSCS, Worker Representative Groups, Safety Reps, Unions/ Representative Bodies, CIF, ICF, CSPAC,
- Message targeting to Smaller Contractors
- **Inspectors HSA Renewed Focus Work at Height**
- Guidance and Training reviewed
- Enforcement approach agreed



**TEAM WORK**  
MAKES THE DREAM WORK

# Conclusion

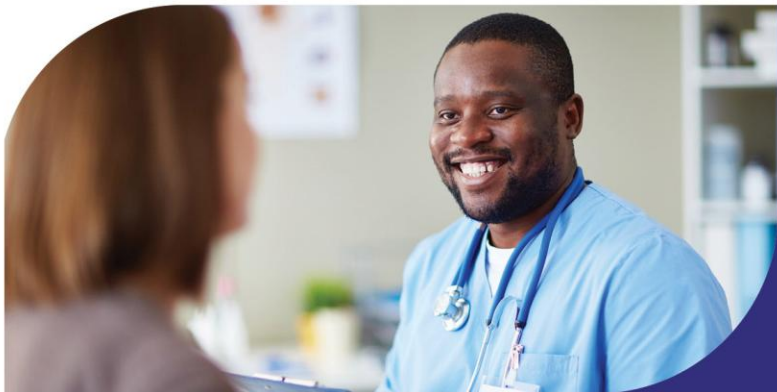
- Loss of life or serious accidents - Huge Impact
- High % of fatal accidents and serious accidents FFH
- Preventable – Appropriate Site Management & Plan
- Appropriate Control Measures
- Management – duty to manage the risk of FFH
- Work together – Collaboration and Co Ordination on Site



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