



Fork Lift Awareness

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Fork Lift Accidents

OSHA estimates that there are 680,400 forklift accidents each year (1997)

Approximately 90,000 employees suffer some type of injury





Fork Lift Accidents

losses affect employees

- physical suffering
- mental suffering





Benefits of Fork lifts

Assist in the movement of materials
Reduce employee lifting injuries





Fork Lift potential problems

Pedestrians

Blind spots

Indoors/Outdoors

Narrow aisles (and aisle intersections)

Building columns

Operate 24 hours per day

Turning radius





Fork Lift and Pedestrians

Pedestrians contribute to accidents

Pedestrians do not understand stopping distances

Pedestrians tried to “beat” a lift truck





Methods used to reduce Fork Lift Accidents

Training of drivers

Maintenance of equipment

Areas of operation





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Losses affect employers

- damage to equipment
- loss productivity





A breakdown of the 680,400 accidents:

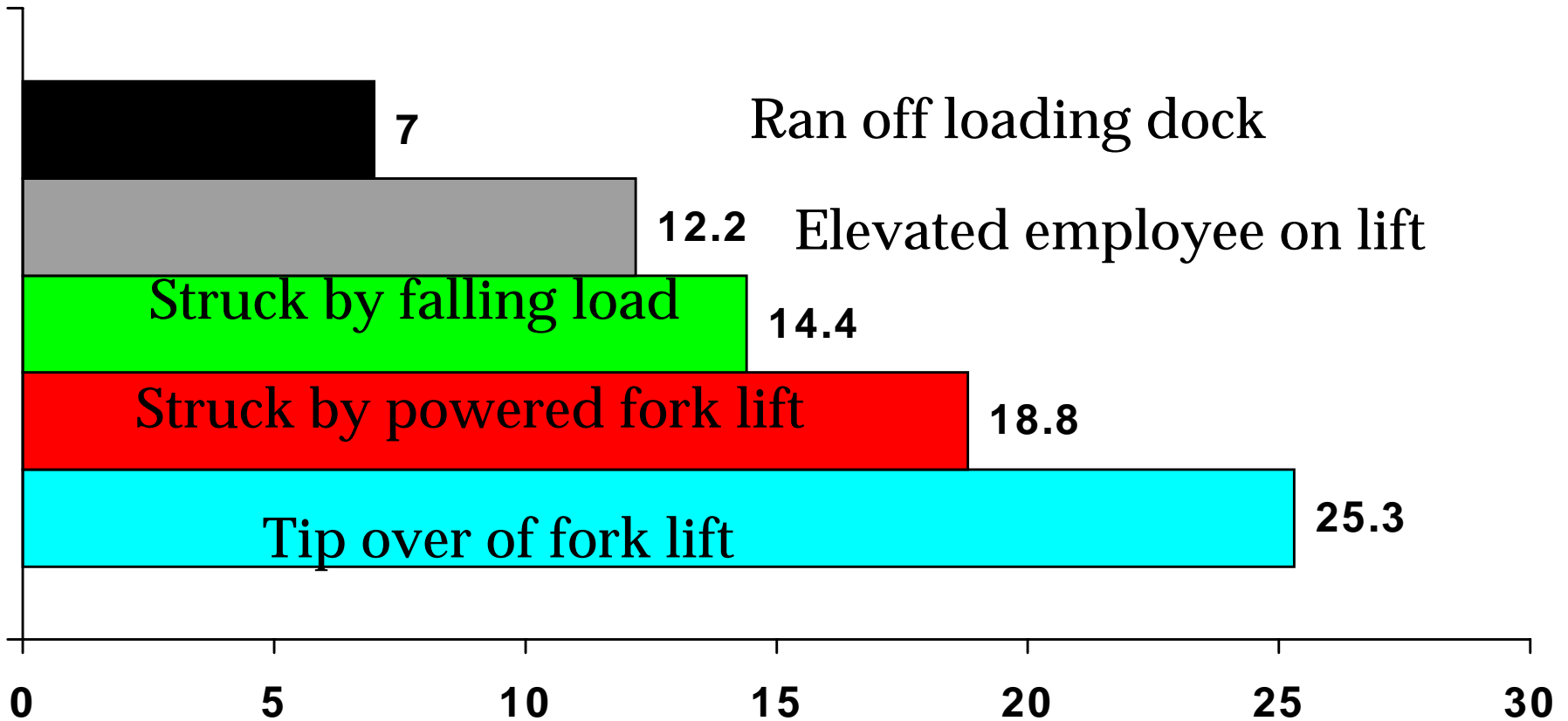
90,000 employees injured

100 deaths

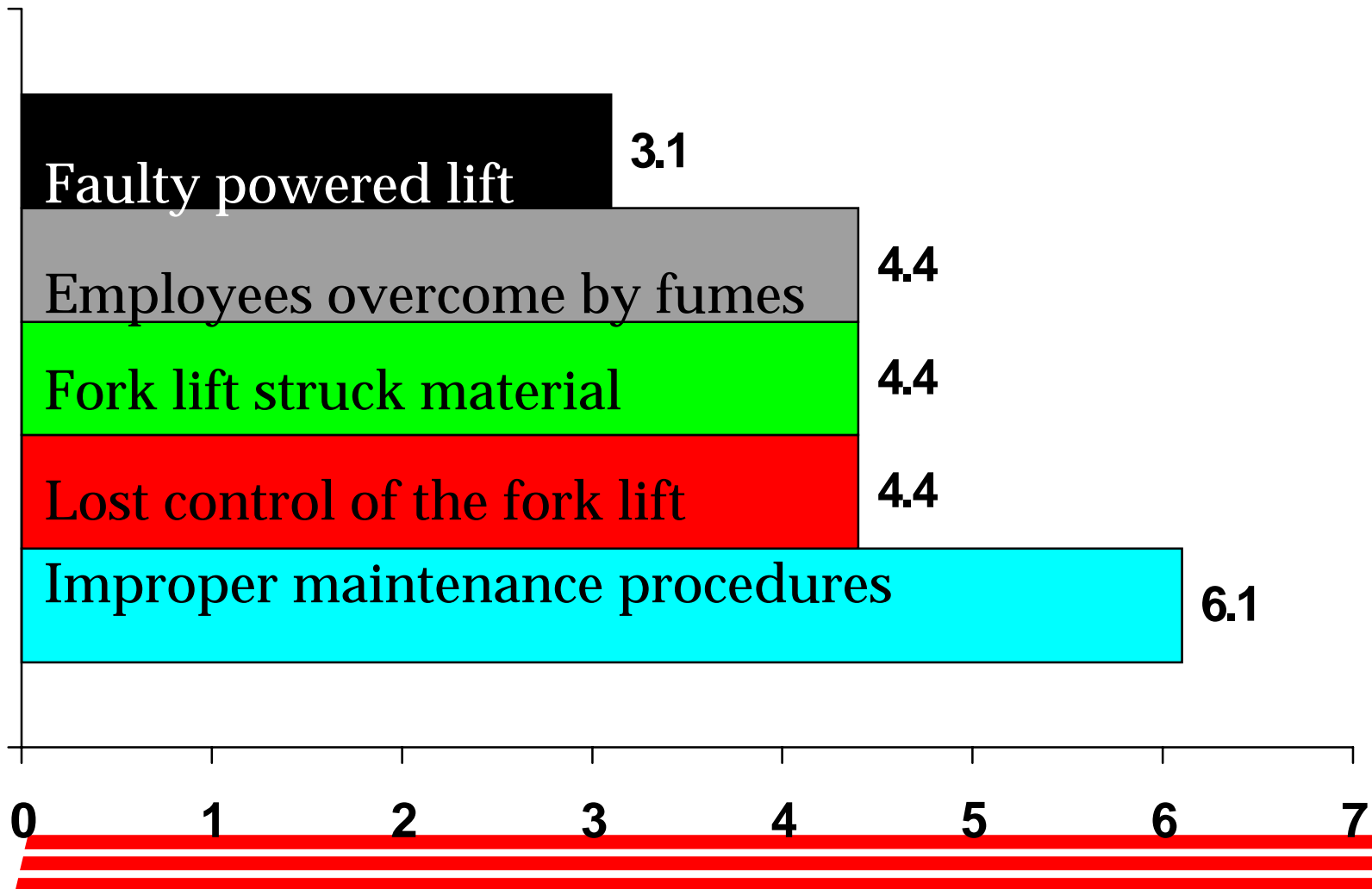
Source: Powered industrial truck accidents report through OSHA's
"First report of serious accidents" 1985-1990



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