

Safety of Security Officers: Extensive Data Collection Reveals Need to Prioritize Injury Prevention

Interim supplement to the Global Security Barometer shows most regions experienced an increase in injury rates

Zurich, Switzerland, 9 December 2025: Safety data collected on more than 1 million frontline security professionals around the world reveals the need to re-commit to protecting these critical workers, as injury trendlines are on the rise in most regions. The results were released in the inaugural issue of **GSB Pulse**, an interim supplement to the International Security Ligue's Global Security Barometer.

"This report is not about blame; it's an important reminder that safety is a dynamic responsibility — strengthened through continuous learning, forward focus, and shared accountability among all stakeholders," said Stefan Huber, the Ligue's Director General. "We're sharing data and field-informed intelligence to extend actionable insights to the industry and to encourage all firms and their partners to continuously strive to build a safer future for our most precious resource — our people."

Key Findings: Collected data show an annual "lost time injury" (LTI) rate of 6.9 per 1,000 employees globally. Or, for every 1,000 full-time equivalent employees in 2023 performing security services, about 7 experienced an injury resulting in time away from work of one shift or more. The recordable injury rate was 12.8. For 2023, rates were calculated from injury data on 1,187,199 security officers.

- Only Europe saw its 2023 LTI rate fall in comparison to its four-year average (2019-2022). South America, the Middle East, and Africa saw sharp rises, while North America, Asia, and Australia all saw an increase in the 6-7% range.
- The global fatality rate fell in 2023 from 2022 to 2.53 per 100,000 security officers but the percentage of fatalities as a result of violence increased.
- Slips, trips and falls continue to cause the lion's share of injuries to frontline security professionals, followed by over-exertion, violence, and transportation-related injuries.

In addition to identifying benchmarks from the single largest data set of its kind, *GSB Pulse* includes case studies, practitioner perspectives, and safety leaders' recommended interventions for key industry challenges, including road safety, violence prevention, and mental health. Safety executives at Ligue member companies also offer their perspectives on utilizing new technology to address safety concerns and improving safety training for security officers.

About the International Security Ligue's Safety Initiative

The Ligue maintains a Safety & Security Working Group comprised of top health and safety executives from member companies. In addition to steering biannual data collection, it pursues the sharing of valuable information and best practices among Ligue members. This *GSB Pulse* edition extends collective learnings from this Working Group to the rest of the security services industry and represents perspectives from safety leaders across the world.

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