

Non-fatal work injuries are often crippling

Repetitive tasks, heavy lifting can cut careers short
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When it rammed into his left leg, [Vacchio], 40, scrambled atop the sedan's hood and onto its roof. It stopped just inches short of the garbage truck Vacchio was loading on that snowy, dark morning two years ago in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Trash haulers, couriers and baggage handlers are prone to injuries because they lift heavy loads, sometimes on slippery surfaces. They drive cars and trucks that make accidents more dangerous. And though training helps prevent some injuries, bad weather, drunken drivers and even overstuffed luggage conspire against them.

The result? A legion of hobbled workers whose aches, pains and other injuries can cost them -- and their employers -- dearly. In 2004, more than 1.2 million workplace injuries in the private sector caused employees to miss time, about seven days for each injury, statistics show. "A back injury, while it may not be life-threatening, can disable people for an extraordinary length of time and can in some cases affect their quality of life in a permanent way," says Alan McMillan, president of the council. "The cost gets passed on to everyone."

IT MAY BE TIME FOR C.S.I.

C.S.I. STANDS FOR "CAREER SAVING IMPLEMENT"

National Safety Council Statistics show;

- **3,700,000 Disabling Unintentional Work Injuries**
- **Average Cost per Injury is \$34,000.00**

Budget for savings with C.S.I. this fall;

1. **Reduction in Frequency of injuries through less exertion**
2. **Reduction in Severity of injury with less exertion**
3. **Do the first two right and the savings comes through a reduction in Workers Compensation Premiums.**
4. **Add to this time savings and the C.S.I. is easily paid for.**