Injury event—external cause, text X[X(99)]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Narrative description of injury event
METEOR identifier:	268946
Registration status:	• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A textual description of the environmental event, circumstance or condition as the cause of injury, poisoning and other adverse effect.
Data Element Concept:	Injury event—external cause

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(99)]
Maximum character length:	100

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Write a brief description of how the injury occurred. It should indicate what went wrong (the breakdown event); the mechanism by which this event led to injury; and the object(s) or substance(s) most important in the event. The type of place at which the event occurred, and the activity of the person who was injured should be indicated.
Comments:	The narrative of the injury event is very important to injury control workers as it identifies features of the event not revealed by coded data.
	This is a basic item for injury surveillance. The text description of the injury event is structured to indicate context, place, what went wrong and how the event resulted in injury. Further information on the national injury surveillance program can be obtained from the National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Narrative description of injury event, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (14.4 KB) *No registration status*

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Injury surveillance DSS](#)Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

[Injury surveillance DSS](#)Health, Superseded 14/12/2009

[Injury surveillance DSS 2010-13](#)Health, Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Injury surveillance NBPDS 2013-](#)Health, Standard 02/05/2013

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[Injury surveillance NMDS](#)Health, Superseded 03/05/2006

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[Injury surveillance NMDS](#)Health, Superseded 07/12/2005