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# Narrative description of injury event

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**Important note: This is an archived metadata standard from the AIHW Knowledgebase. For current metadata standards and related information please access METeOR, the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry at <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au>**

## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000099                                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: A text description of the injury event.  
Context: Injury surveillance:  
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.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: TEXT  
Representation layout: A(100)  
Minimum Size: 0  
Maximum Size: 100  
Data Domain: NOVAL                      Text up to 100 characters in length  
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 also be indicated.  
Related metadata: is qualified by External cause - human intent version 4  
is qualified by Activity when injured version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: National Injury Surveillance Unit

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Comments: 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.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Injury event

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Injury surveillance From 01-Jul-96 to

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