Injury event—external cause, code (ICD-10-AM 7th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | External cause |
| METEOR identifier: | 391330 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/05/2013 |
| Definition: | The environmental event, circumstance or condition as the cause of injury, poisoning and other adverse effect, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Injury event—external cause](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269426) |
| Value Domain: | [External cause code (ICD-10-AM 7th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391309) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification 7th edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391301) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | ANN{.N[N]} | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This code must be used in conjunction with an injury or poisoning code and can be used with other disease codes. The external cause should be coded to the complete ICD-10-AM classification.  An external cause code should be sequenced following the related injury or poisoning code, or following the group of codes, if more than one injury or condition has resulted from this external cause. Provision should be made to record more than one external cause if appropriate. External cause codes in the range V00 to Y84 must be accompanied by a place of occurrence code.  External cause codes V00 to Y34 must be accompanied by an activity code. |
| Comments: | Enables categorisation of injury and poisoning according to factors important for injury control. This information is necessary for defining and monitoring injury control targets, injury costing and identifying cases for in-depth research. It is also used as a quality of care indicator of adverse patient outcomes.  An extended activity code is being developed in consultation with the National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | National Centre for Classification in Health  National Data Standards for Injury Surveillance Advisory Group |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Injury event—external cause, code (ICD-10-AM 6th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/361926)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009  Has been superseded by [Injury event—external cause, code (ICD-10-AM 8th edn) ANN{.N[N]}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/514295)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Admitted patient care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/386797)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/01/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2011 ***DSS specific information:*** As a minimum requirement, the external cause codes must be listed in the ICD-10-AM classification.  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2011-12](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/426861)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 11/04/2012  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2012 ***DSS specific information:*** As a minimum requirement, the external cause codes must be listed in the ICD-10-AM classification.  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 ***DSS specific information:*** As a minimum requirement, the external cause codes must be listed in the ICD-10-AM classification.  [Injury surveillance DSS 2010-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393268)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013  ***DSS specific information:*** As a minimum requirement, the external cause codes must be listed in the ICD-10-AM (3rd edition) classification. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [National Healthcare Agreement: P62-Hospitalisation for injury and poisoning, 2010](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/395105)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/06/2011 |