

Establishment—number of sentinel events, total N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Total number of sentinel events
METEOR identifier:	758577
Registration status:	Health , Standard 20/12/2022
Definition:	The total number of sentinel events that occur in an establishment.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—number of sentinel events
Value Domain:	Total number N[NNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NNN]	
Maximum character length:	4	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	9999	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	A sentinel event is a particular type of serious incident that is wholly preventable and has caused serious harm to, or the death of, a patient. To be classified as a sentinel event, a strict set of criteria need to be met: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The event should not have occurred where preventive barriers are available• The event is easily recognised and clearly defined• There is evidence the event has occurred in the past.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	ACSQHC (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care) 2018. Australian sentinel events list (version 2) - Development and specifications. Canberra: ACSQHC. Viewed 22 June 2022, https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications PC (Productivity Commission) (2022) Report on Government Services. Canberra: PC. Viewed 22 June 2022, https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Has been superseded by [Establishment—number of sentinel events, total N\[NNN\]
Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Sentinel events NBEDS 2004–2019](#)
[Health](#), Standard 20/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2004

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

DSS specific information:

In the Sentinel events NBEDS, data is collected for government health establishments.