

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Total number of sentinel events
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	774601
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/09/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of <a href="#">sentinel events</a> that occur in an establishment.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Establishment—number of sentinel events</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total number N[NNN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNN]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4				
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>9999</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	9999	Not stated/inadequately described
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Collection methods:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>To be classified as a sentinel event, a strict set of criteria need to be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The event should not have occurred where preventive barriers are available</li><li>• The event is easily recognised and clearly defined</li><li>• There is evidence the event has occurred in the past.</li></ul>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>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, <a href="https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications">https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications</a></p> <p>PC (Productivity Commission) (2022) Report on Government Services. Canberra: PC. Viewed 22 June 2022, <a href="https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services">https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services</a></p>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Establishment—number of sentinel events, total N\[NNN\] Health, Standard 20/12/2022](#)

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Sentinel events NBEDS 2019-Health, Standard 07/09/2023](#)

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**DSS specific information:**

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

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.2.3—Sentinel events, 2021 Health, Standard 07/09/2023](#)