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: | 774601 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/09/2023 |
| Definition: | The total number of [sentinel events](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774543) that occur in an establishment. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Establishment—number of sentinel events](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758575) |
| Value Domain: | [Total number N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/480158) |

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| 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 |



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| 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:   * 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. |
| 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: | Supersedes [Establishment—number of sentinel events, total N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758577)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/12/2022 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Sentinel events NBEDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774550)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/771654)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/09/2023 |