Injury event—external cause, factor for sports injury code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | External cause of sports injury code |
| METEOR identifier: | 777332 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 09/08/2023 |
| Definition: | The environmental event, circumstance or condition as the cause of a sports injury, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Injury event—external cause](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746743) |
| Value Domain: | [External factor for sports injury code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/777320) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Ball |
|  | 2 | Other sporting projectile |
|  | 3 | Hand-held sporting equipment |
|  | 4 | Field equipment |
|  | 5 | Surrounding equipment |
|  | 6 | Other object/structure on or near playing area |
|  | 7 | Other or unspecified sporting equipment |
|  | 8 | Tree |
|  | 9 | Plant (excludes tree) |
|  | 10 | Climatic factor |
|  | 11 | Natural surface |
|  | 12 | Dog |
|  | 13 | Horse |
|  | 14 | Other or unspecified natural object or animal |
|  | 15 | Alcohol (beverage) |
|  | 16 | Footwear |
|  | 17 | Floor |
|  | 18 | Floor - wooden |
|  | 19 | Floor - concrete |
|  | 20 | Floor- synthetic surface |
|  | 21 | Floor - tennis, hard court surfaces |
|  | 22 | Surface - turf |
|  | 23 | Surface - sand |
|  | 24 | Bitumen, concrete |
|  | 25 | Clay, crusher dust, etc. |
|  | 26 | Hypodermic needle, syringe |
|  | 27 | Heat: solar, humidity |
|  | 28 | Cold: snow, blizzard, ice |
|  | 29 | Wet and slippery ground conditions |
|  | 30 | Windy, storm |
|  | 31 | Lightning |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The following list has been subjectively abbreviated from NDS-IS - Level 2, item 6 Major Injury Factors to include factors most relevant to sport. Where the item maps to the NDSIS list, the code item is shown. Where there is an asterisk (\*), the item has been added as a potential injury factor. As the item is used in sports injury surveillance and feedback is given, the factor list will be modified.  CODE 1     Ball    CODE 2     Other sporting projectile  Projectiles include javelin, puck, discus    CODE 3     Hand-held sporting equipment  Includes bat, racquet, hockey stick, etc.  CODE 4      Field equipment  Field equipment includes goal post, corner post, base, stumps\*    CODE 5     Surrounding equipment  Surrounding equipment includes fencing, signs, spectator seating, PA system\*    CODE 6     Other object/structure on or near playing area\*    CODE 7     Other or unspecified sporting equipment    CODE 8     Tree  Tree includes branch, stick, twig    CODE 9     Plant  Plant excludes tree (Code 8)    CODE 10      Climatic factor  Climatic factor includes wind, rain, snow, sunshine    CODE 11     Natural surface  Natural surface includes irregularity such as pothole    CODE 12     Dog    CODE 13     Horse    CODE 14     Other or unspecified natural object or animal    CODE 15     Alcohol (beverage)    CODE 16     Footwear  Footwear includes sporting or industrial shoe or boot    CODE 17     Floor    CODE 18     Floor - wooden\*    CODE 19     Floor - concrete\*    CODE 20     Floor - synthetic  Synthetic floor includes grass, rubber matting\*    CODE 21     Floor - tennis  Tennis floor includes hard court surfaces\*    CODE 22     Surface - turf  Turf surface includes uneven, long grass, pot holes\*    CODE 23     Surface - sand  Sand surface includes compacted, wet, unraked\*    CODE 24     Bitumen, concrete  Bitumen and concrete includes poor condition, holes, loose stones\*    CODE 25     Clay, crusher dust\*    CODE 26     Hypodermic needle/syringe    CODE 27     Heat  Heat includes solar and humidity\*    CODE 28     Cold  Cold includes snow, blizzard, ice\*    CODE 29     Wet and slippery ground conditions\*    CODE 30     Hard and compacted ground conditions\*    CODE 31     Windy, storm\*    CODE 32     Lightning\* |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | Sports injuries are often multi-factorial, a data collection system might record more than one factor. In a situation where there are two or more risk factors, list the item occurring first in the list as factor 1 and the next factor in the list as factor 2. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | SMA (Sports Medicine Australia) 1997. SportsSafe Australian Sports Injury Data Dictionary, NDS-IS v2c list, viewed 27 July 2023 <https://sma.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/datadictionary.pdf> |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Australian Sports Injury Data Dictionary](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/777500)  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 09/08/2023  ***DSS specific information:***  Select the code that best describes the main factor which led to the occurrence of the injury. Give preference to specific factors over general ones. If two or more categories are judged to be equally appropriate, select the one that comes first in the code list. |