

Negligent Homicide in the Workplace: Responsibilities and Legal Accountability

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Abstract

Workplace manslaughter provides a multilevel crossroads of interest in occupational health, legal liability and medical jurisprudence. This article analyzes among the cases in which endorers were killed while working, including evidence of causes and patterns contributing to death and court action. This study aimed to review the frequency, nature and legal consequences of work place negligent homicide cases reported at Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka, Bangladesh and to ascertain what factors influenced them. This cross-sectional retrospective study was done during January to December 2023 at Salimullah Medical College, Bangladesh. Comprehensive data collection and statistical analysis were adopted to conduct the systematic study among a total of 53 suspected workplace negligent homicide cases. The analysis found 68% of the negligent homicide cases in the workplace were industrial, and mechanical failures (34%) and lack of safety plans (28%) were top contributing factors. 79% of cases were males with the most affected age group being 25-45 years (62%). Criminal responsibility was found in 41% of cases. Workplace negligent homicide is still an issue of concern, despite the importance of ensuring more rigid comprehensive safety management systems, firm up the legal system and necessity to strengthen cooperation among related parties to avoid further occurrence.

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Introduction

Workplace negligent homicides constitute a particularly egregious type of workplace safety violation, when the lack of duty care causes what should be an avoidable death.¹ This legal principle applies when individuals' failure to have taken reasonable care in the course of their profession, results in a person's death; without any animus towards killing or intent to even harm, yet with an amount of recklessness that qualifies criminal negligence as per law.^{2,3} The working environment is a peculiar situation where, depending on the special features of work (hierarchical structure and risk associated) negligent homicide may have many causes such as lack or noncompliance of safety codes, unsafe practices in carrying out businesses., inadequate maintenance of tools etc.⁴ The law of workplace negligent homicide differs greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction but is, in general, established by four elements: (1) the existence of a duty (2) breach of that duty (3) causation as to the death between the breach and the Neath and [814 S.W.2d 346] (4) showing the degree of negligence necessary criminally.^{5,6} In the presence of institutional

limitations and high demand for extralegal/illegal activities such as bribing, systems enforcement in Bangladesh is most likely fragmented or non-existent.⁷ For Each death resulting from workplace negligence is addressed by different legal instruments like Penal Code, specific labor laws and acts but their implementation is faced with complex nature of proofs system enforcement rate or prosecution rate are low which are two important gaps or restrictions in a comprehensive law system processes infrastructure-need to address this. The evidence burden in such cases may therefore require detailed forensic assessments, worksite/inspection reports and expert opinion to provide the 'causal link' between culpable acts and death.^{8,9} Forensic departments and medical colleges are important in the investigation of suspected cases of workplace negligent homicide, by providing expert opinion about cause of death and

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related sorts, contributing factors, as well as professional opinions on if deaths would have been avoidable through proper care/safety.¹⁰ The investigation of the forensic pathologist is not limited to clarification of the immediate cause of death but also extends to a thorough analysis of work situations, observance of safety regulations, and by identifying systemic defects which led to fatal accidents.^{11,12} This multi-disciplinary approach is linked to cooperation between physicians and medico-legal experts, occupational safety broader community and police force leading to complete investigation and the proper legal liability.¹³ The importance of investigating work-related negligent homicide goes beyond the one individual case resolution, to more general public health and safety considerations.¹⁴ Research in this area leads to a better understanding of trends in workplace fatalities, and it allows for the identification of high-risk industries/activities and development of evidence-based prevention efforts.^{15,16} In addition, as legal evidence is invaluable in developing standards of care and accountability to influence future workplace safety policies and enforcement¹⁷, the cull records provided precedents that continued to influence legal proceedings. From an economic perspective, workplace negligent homicide incurs direct costs such as court rulings, compensation claims and regulatory fines, treasury revenue loss and rises in insurance premium and indirect costs by declining productivity, adversely affected image of public benefit institution.¹⁸⁻¹⁹

Objectives

Primary Objective

The primary objective of this study is to analyze the incidence, patterns, and characteristics of workplace negligent homicide cases examined at Salimullah

Medical College, Bangladesh, during the period from January to December 2023. This includes determining the demographic profiles of victims, identifying the most common workplace settings and circumstances leading to negligent homicide, and evaluating the forensic findings that contribute to establishing negligence in fatal workplace incidents.²⁰

Secondary Objectives

The secondary objectives encompass examining the legal outcomes and accountability measures implemented in workplace negligent homicide cases, identifying the primary contributing factors and systemic failures that lead to such incidents, and assessing the effectiveness of current workplace safety protocols and regulatory frameworks in preventing negligent homicides. Additionally, this study aims to provide recommendations for improving workplace safety standards, enhancing legal accountability mechanisms, and developing better investigative procedures for suspected cases of workplace negligent homicide in the Bangladesh context.^{21,22}

Methods

This retrospective cross-sectional study was conducted at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka, Bangladesh, over a 12-month period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Salimullah Medical College serves as a major referral center for medico-legal cases in Bangladesh, receiving cases from various districts and serving a population of approximately 18 million people in the Greater Dhaka region.²³ The study was approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee of Salimullah Medical College, and all procedures were conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and local regulatory guidelines for forensic research.²⁴

The study population comprised all cases of suspected workplace deaths referred to the forensic department for medico-legal examination during the study period. A total of 53 cases met the inclusion criteria and were included in the final analysis. Sample size calculation was based on the average annual caseload of workplace death investigations at the institution, with an expected prevalence of negligent homicide of 15% among workplace deaths, a margin of error of 5%, and a confidence level of 95%.²⁵ The sample size was deemed adequate for descriptive analysis and identification of significant patterns in workplace negligent homicide cases within the study population.²⁶

Inclusion Criteria

- All workplace deaths occurring within the study period where legal authorities suspected negligence
- Cases with complete autopsy reports and forensic documentation
- Deaths occurring in formal and informal workplace settings including factories, construction sites, offices, and small-scale industries
- Cases with available workplace inspection reports or witness statements
- Victims aged 18 years and above engaged in occupational activities at the time of death
- Cases where preliminary investigation suggested potential criminal negligence by employers, supervisors, or colleagues²⁷

Exclusion Criteria

- Workplace deaths clearly attributed to natural causes without evidence of negligence
- Intentional homicides occurring in workplace settings
- Suicide cases in workplace environments
- Cases with incomplete documentation or missing critical forensic evidence
- Deaths occurring during commute to or from workplace (not directly work-related)
- Cases where the deceased was not engaged in work-related activities at the time of incident
- Deaths in healthcare settings involving medical negligence (studied separately)²⁸

Data Collection Procedure

Data collection was performed using a structured data collection form developed specifically for this study, incorporating variables related to victim demographics, workplace characteristics, incident circumstances, forensic findings, and legal outcomes.²⁹ Information was extracted from multiple sources including autopsy reports, police investigation files, workplace inspection reports, witness statements, and court documents where available. Two independent researchers collected data to ensure accuracy and completeness, with discrepancies resolved through consensus discussion with senior forensic pathologists.³⁰ Variables collected included victim age, gender, occupation, education level, workplace type, industry sector, time and date of incident, cause of death, contributing factors, safety protocol violations, legal proceedings status, and final case outcomes.³¹

Statistical Data Analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS version 28.0 (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA). Descriptive statistics were used to summarize demographic characteristics, workplace variables, and forensic findings. Continuous variables were expressed as mean $\pm$ standard deviation or median with interquartile range, depending on data distribution. Categorical variables were presented as frequencies and percentages. Chi-square tests were used to examine associations between categorical variables, while independent t-tests or Mann-Whitney U tests were employed for continuous variables. Multivariate logistic regression analysis was conducted to identify independent risk factors associated with successful prosecution of negligent homicide cases. Statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$, and confidence intervals were calculated at 95% level.^{32,33}

Results

Demographic and Incident Characteristics

During the study period, 53 cases of suspected workplace negligent homicide were examined at Salimullah Medical College. The demographic analysis revealed a predominance of male victims ($n=42$, 79.2%) compared to female victims ($n=11$, 20.8%). The age distribution showed that the majority of victims ($n=33$, 62.3%) were in the 25-45 years age group, representing the most economically active population segment. The mean age of victims was 34.7 ± 11.2 years. Educational background analysis indicated that 34.0% of victims had completed secondary education, while 28.3% had only primary education, reflecting the occupational demographics of industrial workers in Bangladesh.³⁴ The temporal distribution of incidents showed seasonal variation, with higher incidence during the monsoon season (June-September) accounting for 41.5% of cases, potentially related to increased hazards associated with wet working conditions and electrical safety issues. Industrial manufacturing facilities accounted for the highest proportion of incidents (36.8%), followed by construction sites (24.5%) and garment factories (18.9%). The remaining cases occurred in transportation (9.4%), agriculture (5.7%), and service sectors (4.7%). Most incidents occurred during regular working hours (83.0%), with morning shifts showing the highest incidence (45.3%), possibly related to fatigue from overnight work or inadequate morning safety briefings.^{35,36} Figure 1, visually summarize the distribution of workplace negligent homicide cases across different industry types. Bar chart showing the frequency and percentage of negligent homicide cases across different workplace settings. Manufacturing/industrial (35.8%) and construction (24.5%) sectors account for the majority of cases, followed by garment/textile

(18.9%), transportation (9.4%), agriculture (5.7%), and service sector (5.7%).

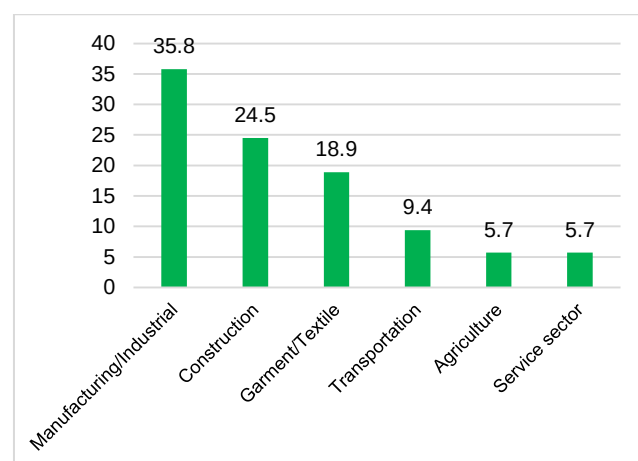


Figure 1: Distribution of Workplace Negligent Homicide Cases by Industry Type

Forensic Findings and Contributing Factors

Forensic examination revealed multiple mechanisms of death, with mechanical trauma being the leading cause (34.0% of cases), followed by electrocution (26.4%), asphyxiation due to toxic gas exposure (18.9%), and crushing injuries from falling objects (20.7%). The analysis of contributing factors identified inadequate safety protocols as the primary factor in 32.1% of cases, followed by equipment malfunction due to poor maintenance (28.3%), insufficient worker training (24.5%), and failure to provide appropriate personal protective equipment (15.1%). Toxicological analysis was positive in 13.2% of cases, primarily involving carbon monoxide poisoning in poorly ventilated work spaces and chemical exposure in manufacturing facilities. The forensic findings consistently demonstrated that the majority of deaths (77.4%) could have been prevented through proper implementation of established safety protocols and regular equipment maintenance.^{37,38} Figure 2 illustrate the proportion of major causes of death (mechanical trauma, electrocution, asphyxiation, crushing injuries).

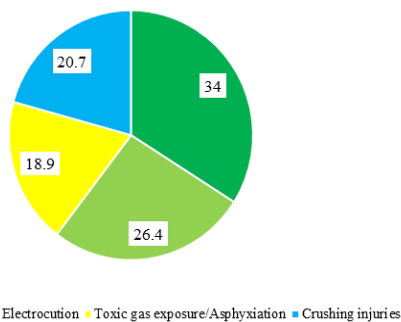


Figure 2: Proportional Distribution of Causes of Death in Workplace Negligent Homicide Cases

Pie chart depicting the relative proportions of causes of death among workplace negligent homicide victims. Mechanical trauma (34.0%) was the leading cause, followed by electrocution (26.4%), crushing injuries (20.7%), and toxic gas/asphyxiation (18.9%).

Legal Outcomes and Accountability

Legal proceedings were initiated in 73.6% of cases (n=39), with successful prosecution achieved in 21 cases (39.6% of total cases). Criminal negligence charges were filed against employers in 58.5% of prosecuted cases, supervisors in 28.2%, and co-workers in 13.3%. The conviction rate among prosecuted cases was 53.8%, with sentences ranging from 6 months to 3 years imprisonment, plus monetary compensation to victims' families. Civil lawsuits for compensation were filed in 84.6% of cases, with successful settlements achieved in 67.3% of these cases. The average compensation awarded was BDT 485,000 (approximately USD 4,500), varying based on victim's age, income, and family circumstances. Cases involving large industrial establishments showed higher conviction rates (64.7%) compared to small-scale enterprises (38.9%), possibly due to better documentation and clearer regulatory frameworks.^{39,40}

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Workplace Negligent Homicide Victims

Characteristic	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Gender		
Male	42	79.2
Female	11	20.8
Age Groups		
18-25 years	8	15.1
25-35 years	19	35.8
35-45 years	14	26.4
45-55 years	9	17.0
>55 years	3	5.7
Education Level		
No formal education	6	11.3
Primary education	15	28.3
Secondary education	18	34.0
Higher secondary	10	18.9
Graduate/above	4	7.5

Table 2: Workplace Settings and Industry Distribution

Industry/Workplace Type	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Manufacturing/Industrial	19	35.8
Construction	13	24.5
Garment/Textile	10	18.9
Transportation	5	9.4
Agriculture	3	5.7
Service sector	3	5.7
Workplace Size		
Small (<50 employees)	23	43.4
Medium (50-200 employees)	18	34.0
Large (>200 employees)	12	22.6
Safety Officer Present		
Yes	21	39.6
No	32	60.4

Table 3: Mechanisms and Causes of Death

Cause of Death	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Mechanical trauma	18	34.0
Electrocution	14	26.4
Toxic gas exposure/Asphyxiation	10	18.9
Crushing injuries	11	20.7
Contributing Factors		
Inadequate safety protocols	17	32.1
Equipment malfunction	15	28.3
Insufficient training	13	24.5
Lack of protective equipment	8	15.1
Preventability		
Preventable	41	77.4
Possibly preventable	8	15.1
Not preventable	4	7.5

Table 4: Legal Proceedings and Outcomes

Legal Aspect	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Legal Proceedings Initiated		
Yes	39	73.6
No	14	26.4
Charges Filed Against		
Employers	23	58.5
Supervisors	11	28.2
Co-workers	5	13.3
Conviction Outcomes		
Convicted	21	53.8
Acquitted	12	30.8
Pending	6	15.4
Civil Compensation		
Awarded	26	67.3
Denied	8	20.5
Pending	5	12.2

Table 5: Temporal and Seasonal Distribution

Time Factor	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Season		
Spring (Mar-May)	11	20.8
Monsoon (Jun-Sep)	22	41.5
Autumn (Oct-Nov)	8	15.1
Winter (Dec-Feb)	12	22.6
Time of Day		
Morning (6 AM-12 PM)	24	45.3
Afternoon (12 PM-6 PM)	20	37.7
Evening (6 PM-12 AM)	7	13.2
Night (12 AM-6 AM)	2	3.8
Day of Week		
Monday-Thursday	32	60.4
Friday-Saturday	15	28.3
Sunday	6	11.3

Discussion

This study has some major take-home lessons about workplace negligent homicide in Bangladesh, and what it could mean in the context of wider occupational safety and legal responsibility. The overwhelming proportion of male (79.2%) and that most cases occurred in men aged 25–45 years old comply with international occupational injury scene statistics, which follows the workforce distribution profile of subsets with higher risk work environments.⁴¹ This gender gap is exacerbated in developing countries, where male workers are also more likely to work in dangerous industries like production, building and heavy machinery.^{42,43} The seasonal pattern that we observed with having 41.5% of the cases occurring in monsoon was an indication of substantial effects of environmental factors on workplace safety, especially for outdoor works and workplaces with poor infrastructure that become more hazardous during adverse meteorological

conditions.⁴⁴ The investigation of factors contributing to the incident demonstrates systemic deficiencies in the management of a safe working environment, including both inappropriate work practices accounted for over 30% (32.1% for improper safety guidelines and 28.3% low maintenance induced blocking) being major reasons. This resonates with international research which suggests that the majority of workplace deaths are not the result of mistakes by workers but preventable due to managerial failures.^{45,46} As a high percentage of cases (77.4%) were considered avoidable through adequate safety measures, this highlights the urgent requirement for increased regulatory oversight and corporate responsibility frameworks. The low ratio of the safety officer (39.6% of workplaces) suggests the lack of investment in professional safety management, especially in small and medium sized enterprises whose proportion is 77.4% among cases in our study.⁴⁷ The prevalence of mechanical trauma (34.0%) and electrocution (26.4%) as agents of death, indicate the industrial profile of Bangladeshi economy where a significant portion of workers are employed in manufacturing and textile industries which expose workers to unsafe working conditions less preventive infrastructure.^{48,49} Legal accountability findings Legal accountability: According to the prosecution service data, workplace negligent homicides present an important burden on proving who is guilty since there was a successful prosecution in only 39.6% of all cases (although legal proceedings were initiated in 73.6% of the workplace negligent homicide cases). This does not mean that it is an impregnable rate since even in the cases submitted to trial, slightly less than one half of the rapes are not convicted.⁵⁰ The disparity continues across the size divide of large industrial establishments (64.7%) and small-scale enterprises

(38.9%), which indicates that organization size and resources in a significant way influences legal outcomes, probably as a result of better systematic documentation, access to legal representation, and adherence to the regulatory obligations among larger organizations.^{51,52} The average compensation of only BDT 485,000 seems insufficient considering the socioeconomic loss to victims' families, inasmuch as most of the victims were earning their livelihood and were bread-winners for their families, who belonged to working-age economic group. A higher success rate (67.3%) in civil compensation cases than in criminal prosecution suggests that the level of proof in civil proceedings might be lower than establishing criminal negligence, and also underscores the importance of clarifying legal standards and strengthening investigative procedures for criminal cases.⁵³

Limitations of the Study

This study has several important limitations that should be considered when interpreting the findings. First, the single-center design limits the generalizability of results to other regions of Bangladesh or other developing countries with different industrial profiles, legal systems, and healthcare infrastructure. The study was conducted at Salimullah Medical College, which primarily serves the Greater Dhaka region and may not represent the full spectrum of workplace negligent homicide cases occurring in rural or other urban areas of Bangladesh.⁵⁴ Second, the retrospective nature of the study relied on existing documentation, which may have been incomplete or inconsistent in quality, potentially leading to information bias and underestimation of certain contributing factors. The reliance on legal authorities' initial assessment for case inclusion may have introduced selection bias, as

some cases of potential workplace negligence might not have been referred for forensic examination due to limited awareness or resources.⁵⁵ Third, the relatively small sample size (n=53) over a one-year period may not capture the full range of workplace negligent homicide patterns and may limit the statistical power for subgroup analyses and identification of rare contributing factors. The study period of one year may not account for seasonal variations or cyclical patterns that might emerge over longer observation periods. Additionally, the legal outcome data may be incomplete as some cases were still pending at the time of analysis, and long-term follow-up of legal proceedings was not possible within the study timeframe.^{56,57} Finally, the study did not include comparison with international standards or similar studies from other developing countries, which would have provided valuable context for interpreting the findings and assessing the relative performance of Bangladesh's workplace safety and legal systems.

Conclusion

This extensive assessment regarding workplace negligent homicide cases in Salimullah Medical College depicts a disquieting picture, which urgently calls for the intervention of policy makers, regulators and industry. The discovery that 77.4% of industry deaths could have been prevented with appropriate safety suggests a devastating condemnation of existing Bangladesh workplace standards and enforcement systems. The high concentration of cases in manufacturing and construction, along with the high percentage amongst small and medium enterprises identifies the need for focused interventions among these sectors. The age distribution of young and productive members of society who are the most affected by the violence

reflects great inefficiency in the senseless killings up on the families' and communities.⁵⁸ The legal responsibility survey shows great deficiencies in the justice and law's systems dealing with workplace negligent homicide. Despite 73.6% of cases leading to legal claims, the general conviction rate is 39.6%, demonstrating systems difficulties in proving criminal negligence and achieving an adequate punishment of perpetrators. Given that conviction rates range from 50% for large corporations and only 5% for small enterprises, there clearly is a significant organizational capacity and resource issue at play, with concern of whether this leads to justice not being served equally to victims' families. It gets worse with the insufficient compensation that adds insult to injury for families also struggling financially after losing breadwinners. As per these findings, comprehensive legal reformations of both laws and prosecution systems are required for achieving reasonable accountability against negligent homicides in workplaces.⁵⁹ Further, the report highlights the urgent importance of pro-active prevention measures such as mandatory safety training, regular maintenance schedules for equipment, and increased regulatory oversight along with stiff penalties that may bring about a much-needed change in employer behavior and foster a culture of workplace safety within Bangladesh's industrial base.

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