

4 Trends Impacting Employers' Need for Group Personal Accident Policies

Living in pandemic times, employers are keeping a close watch on infections and safety measures. However, let's not forget that accidents and natural disasters are dangers that continue to plague the Asia Pacific region.

In fact, employers who weave a safety net for their workforce by providing Group Personal Accident Insurance are demonstrating commitment to the health and safety of their employees.

Let's look at the different trends populating this landscape.

Trend 1 - Increasing Regulator Scrutiny



Trend 2 - A Global Increase in Work-related Deaths

2.33
million deaths
in 2014⁹

2.78
million deaths
in 2017

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2 in 3
work-related
deaths occurred
in Asia¹⁰



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Trend 3 - Road Accidents account for 1.35 million deaths annually ¹¹

Thailand's roads are the deadliest in Southeast Asia. ¹²

5th leading cause of deaths globally by 2030. ¹³

50% killed worldwide are vulnerable road users: pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. ¹⁴

50m people worldwide suffer serious, life-altering injuries yearly. ¹⁵

Trend 4 - Natural Disasters in Asia Pacific Region

Floods, droughts and storms have affected **6.3 billion** people in Asia Pacific since 1970, compared to 0.9 billion globally. ¹⁷

The region accounts for **57%** of the global death toll from natural disasters since 1970. ¹⁶

A person living in Asia Pacific is **5x more** likely to be affected by a natural disaster. ¹⁸

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