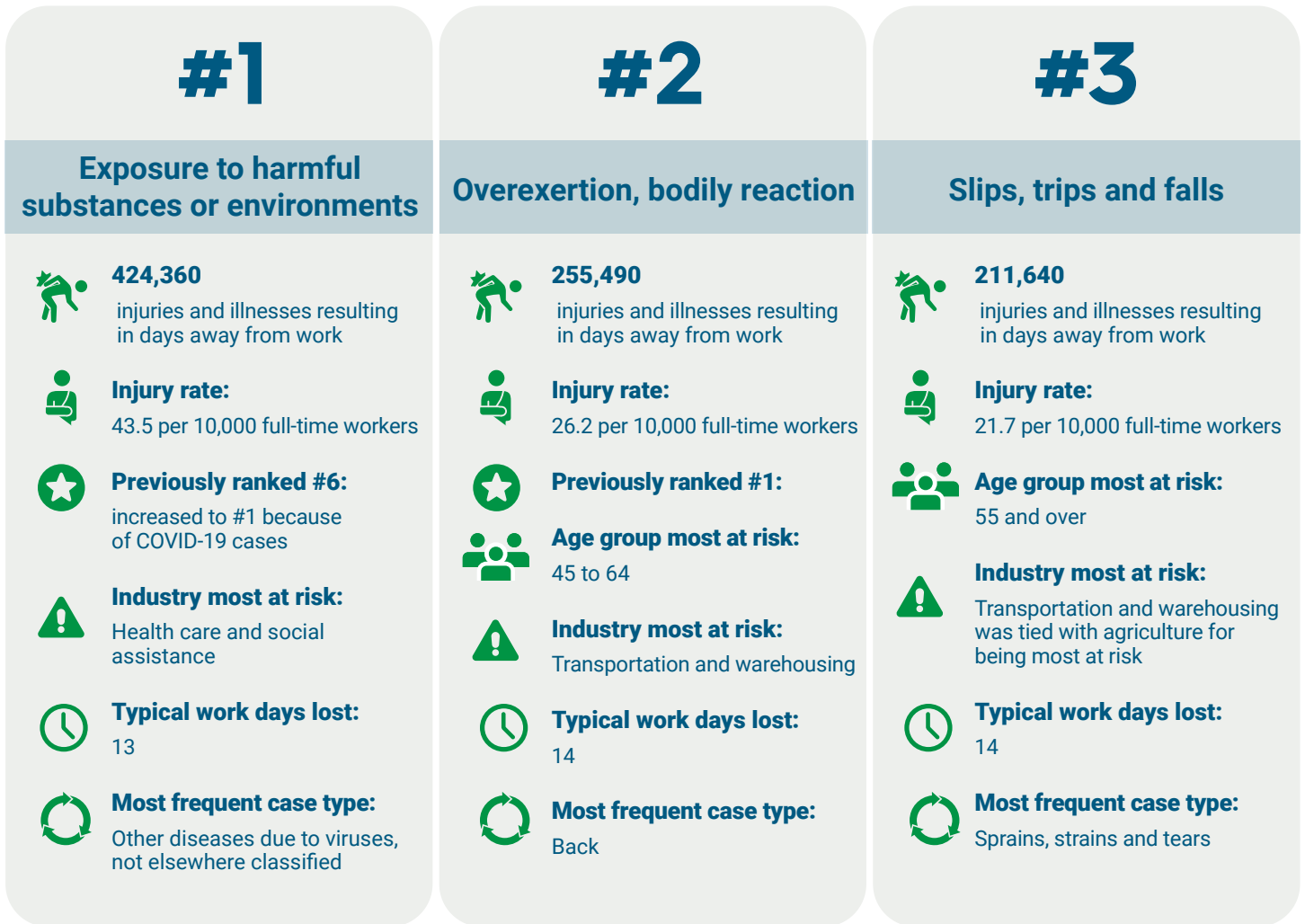




# Get the Facts: Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

The leading causes of workplace deaths and nonfatal injuries and illnesses are not always the same. While transportation incidents were the leading cause of workplace death in 2020, exposure to harmful substances or environments was the leading cause of injuries and illnesses involving days away from work, which includes contagious and infectious diseases such as COVID-19. Overexertion (e.g., lifting, pushing, pulling, holding or carrying objects) and bodily reactions have long been the leading cause of work-related injuries and illnesses, with the recent exception of 2020 due to COVID-19. Included below is information to increase awareness of the greatest injury and illness risks on the job.

## Top 3 Workplace Injuries and Illnesses Involving Days Away from Work in 2020



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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

