

# **WHAT INJURIES OCCUR AT AUSTRALIAN MASS GATHERINGS?**

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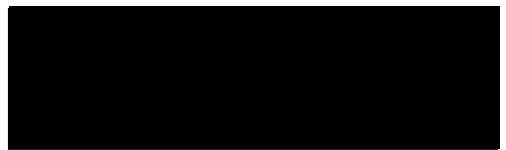
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## **ABSTRACT**

As stadiums are built to hold more people for an increasing range of events there is a demand placed by the public on event organisers to ensure their health and safety. This includes timely and appropriate medical care.

This study demonstrates that people are being injured or becoming ill at mass gathering events, and that the number of people who are seriously injured is higher than has previously been estimated.

This study indicates a need for specific plans that includes an increased level of care at mass gatherings and an availability of a multidisciplinary medical team to ensure the health and safety of the public.

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## GLOSSARY

Acronym	Meaning
ACEM	Australian College for Emergency Medicine
AN-DRG	Australian National Diagnosis Related Groups
ASNSW	Ambulance Service of New South Wales
ATS	Australasian National Triage Scale
DOH	New South Wales Department of Health
DRG	Diagnosis Related Groupings
EMA	Emergency Management Australia
HECS	Higher Education Contribution Scheme
IA	Immediate Assistants Pty Ltd
ICD-10	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems, 10 <sup>th</sup> Revision
ICD-10-AM	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems, 10 <sup>th</sup> Revision, Australian Modification
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MHM (Hons)	Master of Health Management (Honours)
NCCH	National Centre for Classification in Health
nd	No Date
NDS-IS	National Data Standards for Injury Surveillance
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NSW	New South Wales
ORCON	Operational Research Consultancy Standard
SCG	Sydney Cricket Ground
SFS	Sydney Football Stadium
UNE	University of New England, Armidale

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