

Number of workers deaths

Olympic games:

8 in Beijing 2008

70+ in Sochi 2014

11 in Rio 2016

2+ in Pyeongchang 2018

Football Cups:

20 in Ukraine & Poland 2012

14 in Brazil 2014

2+ in Russia 2018

1200+ in Qatar 2022



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NO MORE DEATHS IN NAME OF SPORTS!

Workers building for mega sports events are killed, injured and made sick whilst carrying out routine jobs. The hazards are well known and so are the prevention measures. The overwhelming majority of "accidents" are absolutely predictable and preventable. They are caused by failure to manage risks, or by straightforward negligence on the part of the employer.

All workers have rights to organise, to collective bargaining, to information and training, to be represented, and to refuse dangerous work, but the reality is very different. Unorganised workers have no choice either they take a dirty and dangerous job, or they will have no job at all. The widespread use of flexible employment practices seriously undermines trade union capacity to organise. Downsizing, outsourcing, labour-only sub contracting and informal labour create bad working conditions.

FIFA and the Olympic Committee have a responsibility to ensure that no workers should have to die while building for the games. All workers should have the right to join a union, to earn a living wage and to work in a safe environment. We demand immediate action to STOP the deaths in name of the sport and ensure human rights of World Cup and Olympic workers.

SPEAK UP AGAINST THE WORLD CUP AND OLYMPIC DEATHS! Join our demonstration at Place de Nations on June 1 at 12 noon.



The Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) is a global union. We unite 335 trade unions in 131 countries, fighting for workers' rights in the building, construction, building materials, wood and forestry sectors.