

# *Leading Causes of* **Oil Rig Accidents**

The CDC took a close look at offshore oil and gas operations and the accidents that occurred. The agency found that the leading causes of fatalities were:

- Transportation events
- Contact with objects or equipment
- Fire and explosions
- Exposure to harmful substances/environments

Workers found to be the most in danger were:

- Employees of well-servicing companies
- Drilling contractors
- Oil and gas operators
- Transportation and warehousing employees
- Construction employees
- "Other" industry employees

## **FAST FACTS**

- **U.S. workers face an average of 3.8 deaths per 100,000 employees.**
- **Offshore workers face an average of 27.1 deaths per 100,000 employees.**
- **Between 2003 and 2010, 128 workers died in offshore operations.**

