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Musculoskeletal disorders, Abrasions, Chronic Bronchitis and Varicose veins are found to be common among workers. Pesticide poisoning is also another common problem. Bites and stings are the commonest cause of occupational injuries and injuries due to improper use of hand tools are minimal (0.9). Usage of occupational safety measures are low and only 26.6% of workers who spray insecticides use protective measures. Only 35% of workers wear slippers during work. The present role of occupational health service should be widened to find out solutions to these occupation related health problems in plantation workers.