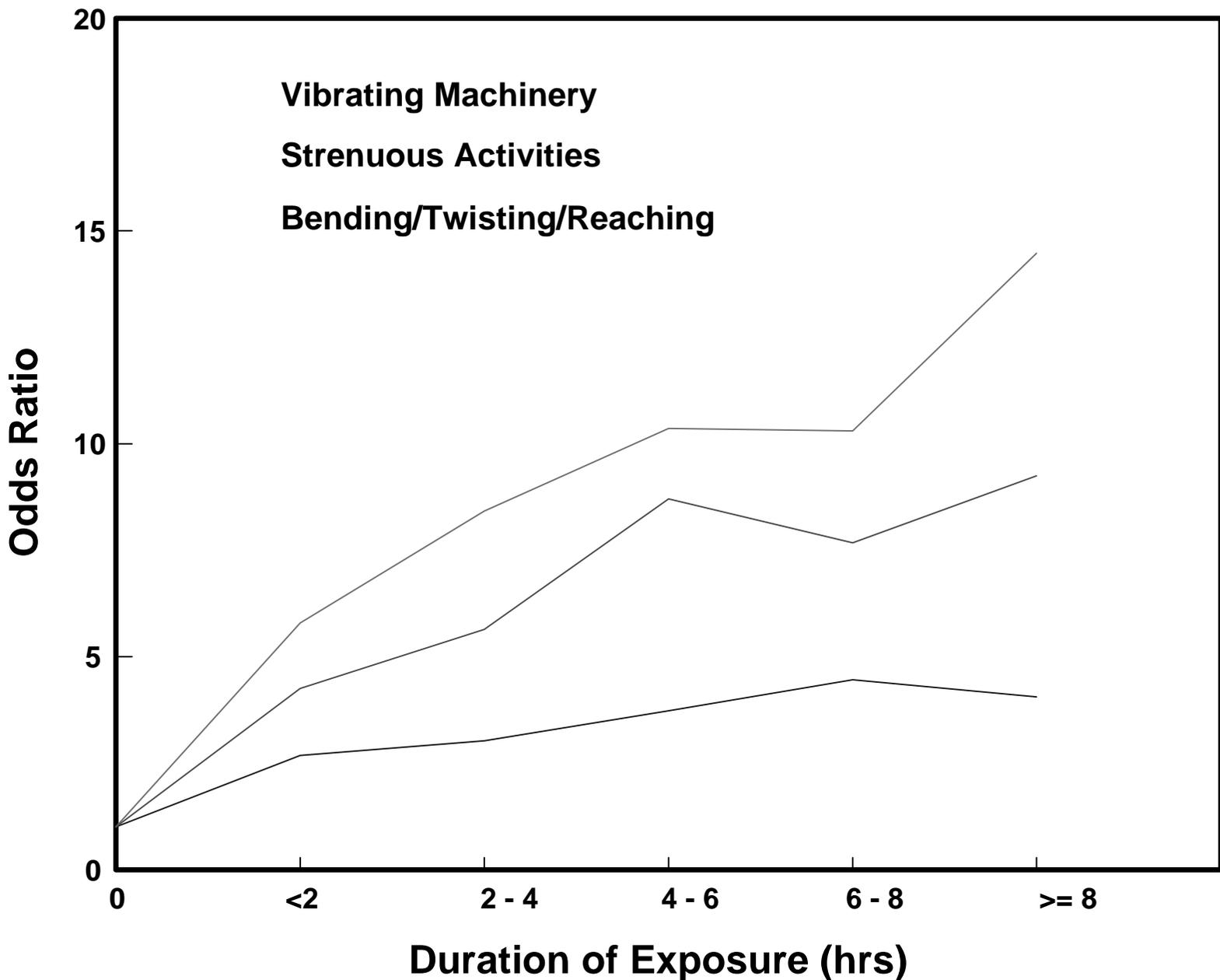


**Figure V-1.  
Relationship Between Duration of Exposure  
and Risk of Back Pain**



Source: NIOSH analysis of data (Exs. 26-1104, 26-1105, 26-1106, 26-1107) from the National Health Interview Survey conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics.

Note: The odds ratio approximates the risk of an episode of back pain lasting 1 week or more due to repeated activities at work relative to the risk of an episode of back pain for workers with no such exposure. Work-related exposures include strenuous physical activity; repeated bending, twisting, or reaching; or the hand operation of vibrating machinery. Data excludes back pain reported from acute injury or trauma.