

Notified incidents

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Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox, there have been 65 incidents, serious enough to be reported to WorkSafe Victoria, from the construction, utility, mining and quarrying industries. Below is a summary of these incidents.

Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
27/2		
South Yarra	Leg injury	The end of a concrete pumping rubber hose burst spraying concrete onto worker.
Melbourne	Bruising to thigh	Demolishing a column which hit the edge of the building causing a piece of concrete to break-off and fall, striking a worker on the thigh.
Bonnie Doon	Burns	As a worker was removing oil deep fryer the ball valve on an LPG bottle was knocked on and residual gas released into kitchen. The residual gas was ignited by unknown ignition source and worker received burns to face and leg.
Ashford	Puncture injury to right foot	A plumber was walking through trenching when a piece of rio inserted through right foot/boot.
Brunswick	N/A	A section of handrail mesh fell 2.7 metres and landed outside the barricade area.
Geelong	Injury to right eye	A worker was cutting steel when a piece went underneath his glasses and into his eye.
Melbourne	N/A	The hammer rope snapped on a new piling rig and the hammer fell.
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Ashwood	Back and neck injury	Worker slipped down wet stairs.
Warrnambool	Laceration	A concreter had boxed up a cross over when a member of the public entered site, tripped over a peg and cut their arm.
Mildura	Foot laceration	A plumber cut his right foot on a roof sheet.
Waurm Ponds	Electric shock	A worker was rolling up a lead when he received an electric shock.
Caulfield	Laceration to left wrist	A worker was installing joists and his arm was contacted a metal joisting which lacerated his left wrist.
Melbourne	Dislocated shoulder	A worker was inside the cell of a core jump form when he slipped and grabbed a ladder, dislocating his shoulder.
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Point Cook	N/A	An intruder broke into the site and threw a piece of steel at

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Carlton	Electric Shock	A worker was using a jack-hammer with an extension cord going over his shoulder when the plug for the jack-hammer separated from the connecting plug and he received an electric shock.
Lockwood	Laceration to left calf	A worker bent down as he was going between two stud walls and caught his calf muscle on a bracket.
Wantirna	Puncture wound to thigh	A pair of tin snips in a workers tool belt punctured the workers thigh when he bent down against some scaffolding.
Myrtleford	Laceration to face	A piece of polyester pipe was being cut with a hand saw and when it cut through it hit the worker in the face.
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Richmond	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock from an unfinished cable in a ceiling space.
Brighton	N/A	Glue fumes from a vinyl floor entered another room where heat was being used. The combination of the fumes and heat caused an explosion that set the sprinkler system off.
Laverton	Fractured wrist	A workers wrist became caught between two pieces of rail as he was unloading.
Pascoe Vale	Laceration to shin	A worker lacerated his leg on some flashing.
Seaford	Electric shock	A worker was disconnecting electricity supply and received an electric shock.
Epping	N/A	Worker was lifting an insulated panel with a mechanical lifting device when the device released the panel which fell to the ground.
Sunshine	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock to his chest while using a floor grinder.
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Rosebud	Electric shock	Electrician received an electric shock when the ladder he was on was knocked causing him to contact a lamp holder.
Melbourne	Concussion	A worker was struck on his hard hat by a 2.4 metre plank blown over by the wind.
Ivanhoe	N/A	Workers were renewing a water main when a gas pipe was cracked.
Melbourne	N/A	A 600mm glass disc in the fifth floor building facade shattered.
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Bendigo	Laceration to the arm	A boilermaker was using a grinder on a front end loader when the grinder kicked back and lacerated his arm.
Bangholme	Fractured leg	A worker was struck on the leg by the metal hose coupling when he was sucking out a pipe blockage.
Leopold	Cuts and bruising.	A worker was installing ridge capping on a roof and put his hand on the hand rail and slipped. He fell three metres to the ground.
Hawthorn	N/A	A small excavator hit an overhead power cable bringing it to the ground.
Melbourne	N/A	A fire started on level seven of a building under construction.
Lilydale	N/A	A worker observed an electrical cable had ripped away from a motor and was sitting in a pool of water.
Berwick	Electric shock	As a worker was pruning trees, a gust of wind blew a tree branch into the cutting zone of the chainsaw and the worker received an electrical shock.
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Torquay	Laceration to leg	A roller weighing 20 tonnes tipped onto it's side as it was being unloaded off a truck.
Yarra Junction	Bruising to rib cage	A worker was leaning over a patio railing when the top part of the railing gave way and he fell one metre to the ground.
Box Hill	Electric shock	An electrician was doing maintenance and testing when a control panel door swung back and caused his forearm to touch electrical connections in control panel.
Warrnambool	Laceration to left arm.	A worker received a laceration to left arm while stripping electrical cable.
Parkville	Electric shock	An electrician was drilling into a cable duct when the drill slipped and touched live power.
Hawthorn	Fractured fingers	A worker was demolishing a brick wall and his hand was struck by a falling brick.
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Braeside	Fractured left foot and lacerations	Worker was up a caged ladder and missed a step and fell about six to the ground.
Wantirna	N/A	A pre-cast concrete panel broke in half and collapsed after being rotated from a truck.
Mitcham	N/A	A tower crane operator lowered cable while doing pre-start checks and the chains and hook came into contact with scaffold.

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Point Cook	Electric shock	Worker using a heat gun received an electric shock.
Brooklyn	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock when he installed a server into a CDU board which arced when plugged in.
Huntingdale	Laceration to head and concussion	A worker was on top of a two story level being passed timber studs when one piece of timber hit him in the head.
Parkville	Electric shock	Drilling into a cable duct and the drill bit caught on live electrical wires giving worker a shock.
Ravenhall	Laceration right hand little finger	A worker lacerated his right hand little finger when hanging plaster board sheeting.
Parkville	N/A	A shutter clipped scaffolding as it was being raised by crane, bending four standards of quick stage scaffold.
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Horsham	Electric shock	A worker was clearing insulation in a roof when he touched a batton and received an electric shock to his hand.
Wodonga	Laceration right side head/scalp	A wooden batten was dropped off a roof and hit a worker on the head.
Northcote	Splinter in finger	A worker was carrying timber and received a splinter in his finger.
North Melbourne	Head injury	A corking gun fell off a three metre scaffold and hit worker on the head.
Richmond	N/A	The bottom of some form work collapsed during concrete pour.
Cheltenham	N/A	The upper first floor brickwork facade collapsed under pressure from pour filling.
Wonthaggi	Neck Injury	A telehandler came to a sudden stop when the tines dug into the ground causing the driver to move forward suddenly.
Morwell	Fractured finger	An electric drill became caught and the drill came out striking the worker on his hand.
Grovedale	N/A	A pallet of steel being loaded onto a truck caught on a pallet of bricks and one section of the jib bent and the load dropped.
Mining		
Anglesea	N/A	Excavator caught fire causing damage to excavator only.
Ouyen	N/A	A roller with a blade on the front struck a scaffold causing damage to the upright of the scaffold.

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Costerfield	Foot injury	A 30kg rock fell on a workers foot.
Stawell	N/A	A bag of activated carbon was being lifted on an electric winch when the bag failed and fell five metres to ground.
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