

# Reported incidents

9 April 2013

In the last two weeks there were 48 incidents serious enough to be reported to WorkSafe Victoria from the construction, utility, quarrying and mining industries. Below is a summary of these incidents.

Date	Location	Injury description	Incident summary
22 Mar	Hawthorn	Electric shock	Electrician inserted an earth stake into footpath and struck a live electrical cable.
22 Mar	South Yarra	Lacerated knee	Employee hit knee on metal flashing he was moving.
22 Mar	Cranbourne	Near miss	Contractor was boring through ground and struck a high voltage electrical cable.
22 Mar	Melton	Fractured left ankle	Contractor stepping over an exclusion zone and caught his foot on some bunting and tripped over.
22 Mar	Melbourne	Punctured hand	Employee was putting a nail gun and a ladder on the ground when the nail gun started to slip and while trying to grab hold of it again, a nail shot into his right palm.
22 Mar	Tullamarine	Lower back injury	Employee was helping to lift a timber ramp when he felt pain in his lower back.
22 Mar	Castlemaine	Lacerated hand	Plumber on roof cutting iron with nibblers when his hand slipped onto the roof sheet.
22 Mar	Geelong	Lacerated forehead	Employee inspecting some wall tiles that had fallen off when another tile fell, hitting him on the head.
25 Mar	Traralgon	Injured lower back and hip	Employee fell two metres from a ladder when it snapped in half.
25 Mar	Bayside	Lacerated fingers	Employee using a chainsaw that slipped from his hand.
25 Mar	Warrandyte	Broken leg and ankle	Employee walking on a residential property when he slipped and fell down a small embankment.
25 Mar	Mansfield	Lacerated arm and head	Employee jumped out of the cabin of a stalled steel drum roller when it started to roll backwards down a hill.
25 Mar	Bacchus Marsh	Bruised left elbow and grazed knee	Employee lost his footing walking down stairs and fell approximately one and half metres, hitting a wall and then falling over a stair stringer where there was no handrail.
26 Mar	South Yarra	Lacerated right hand fingers	Plasterer was pulling on an external angle when he cut himself on it.
26 Mar	Clayton	Lacerated hand	Employee struck his hand on a sharp edge of some sub-flooring.
26 Mar	Camberwell	Crushed little finger	Bricklayer caught his little finger in the belt of a brick elevator as he was unloading it.
26 Mar	Ivanhoe	Near miss	Carpenter working on a double-storey construction when he dropped his chisel onto a neighbouring roof.
26 Mar	Williamstown	Partial finger amputation	Contractor using an electric plane on a skirting board lost control of the plane and hit his finger.
26 Mar	Melbourne	Electric shock	Employee was using an electric drill when he felt an electric shock.
26 Mar	Abbotsford	Near miss	A section of alloy pre-fabricated stairs (that were in quick stage configuration) slipped from a scaffold transom and fell two metres.
27 Mar	Frankston	Lacerated leg and injured shoulder	Plumber on a roof stepped onto skylight sheet and fell through it onto a concrete floor two metres below.

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27 Mar	Box Hill	Lacerated left index finger	Employee cut his finger with a razor blade while trimming silicon off some glass.
27 Mar	YarraRanges	Bruised back, left ankle and shoulder	Employee fell approximately two metres off a platform ladder, landing on his back.
27 Mar	Malvern	Injured left hand	Employee hit his hand with a mallet while laying pavers.
27 Mar	Ringwood	Near miss	Employee conducting traffic management when a vehicle travelling at low speed clipped him.
27 Mar	Kew	Knee injury	Employee attempting to dislodge a soldier pile with his body weight when the pile snapped and he stumbled backwards.
27 Mar	Melbourne	Lacerated left thumb	Contractor cut his thumb while using a small routing machine.
27 Mar	Fawkner	Electric shock	Electrician doing wiring work on a circuit board when he received an electric shock.
27 Mar	Craigieburn	Lacerated left little finger	Employee removing concrete formwork when a timber sheet sprang back and struck his finger.
27 Mar	Melbourne	Broken legs	Employee was working underneath a truck when another employee entered the truck without seeing he was there and drove it over him.
27 Mar	Pascoe Vale	Lacerated palm	Employee cutting plastic with a utility knife and cut his hand.
27 Mar	MurrayValley	Near miss	Employee driving an excavator on a rural property struck a 22000v overhead power cable that detached and started a small grass fire.
28 Mar	Doncaster	Needlestick injury	Plumber was about change a tap at a service station and had gloves on when he picked up what he thought was an empty discarded plastic bag below the basin area. The bag had a needle in it.
28 Mar	Kilmore	Lacerated left fingers	Employee was cutting piece of timber with a battery operated power saw when he cut into his fingers.
28 Mar	Geelong	Electric shock	Employee was drilling while others were pouring concrete nearby. He received an electric shock when some concrete splashed onto the back of his drill.
2 Apr	Bayside	Burn to forearm	Employee welding a copper pipe when his arm slipped and touched the hot pipe.
2 Apr	Carlton	Three fatalities	Brick wall approximately 3m high x 20m wide collapsed in high winds onto people walking on footpath next to it.
2 Apr	Sunshine	Left eye injury	Employee was securing a metal door when his drill bit snapped and flew into his eye.
2 Apr	Tullamarine	Lacerated hand	Employee was cutting timber when his saw kicked back and cut his hand.
3 Apr	Werribee	Lacerated head and hand	Locksmith repairing a glass door when it shattered.
4 Apr	Berwick	Back injury	Employee was shoveling dirt when he felt a twinge in his back which became more painful as the day continued.
4 Apr	Sunshine	Lacerated leg	Employee was guiding an excavator load when the chain slipped from a hook, causing load to drop on one side.
4 Apr	Flemington	Broken ribs	Contractor fell approximately one and half metres when he attempted to jump off an excavator
4 Apr	Burwood	Near miss	A boom pins failed on a mobile plant basket.

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## Mines and quarries

Date	Industry	Injury description	Incident summary
22 Mar	Mines	Near miss	Electrical fire started in the engine bay of a telehandler when a main supply had arced onto a manifold where some wiring lagging caught fire.
25 Mar	Mines	Abrasions to face and arm	Employee blacked out while driving prime mover and low loader. The vehicle continued for a short distance, crossing over a concrete barrier.
28 Mar	Mines	Near miss	Rocks weighing approximately one tonne fell close to a miner working under supported ground.
28 Mar	Mines	Electric shock	Employee cleaning out cellar made contact with a submersible pump.