

# Reported incidents



In the past two weeks there have been 82 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These included 13 fractures, 20 lacerations and six burns.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20 Jan 2012	Dandenong south	N/A	A load fell from a bridge crane.
20 Jan 2012	Morwell	Laceration to the left knuckle	A worker lacerated his knuckle after changing the blades on the wood chipper.
23 Jan 2012	Dandenong south	Bruising to head	A worker slipped on the floor, fell and struck his head on the floor.
24 Jan 2012	Derrimut	Lacerations	A worker cut his fingers on steel studs as he quality checked a delivery pack.
24 Jan 2012	Geelong	N/A	A forklift with a jib attachment was being used to shift a mould door when the forklift tines and jib attachment came away from the forklift, causing the equipment to fall to the ground.
24 Jan 2012	Braeside	Burns to face	A worker was inspecting a malfunctioning injection moulding machine when it ejected molten plastic into the operators face and eyes.
24 Jan 2012	Morwell	N/A	Worker was performing some hot work and some coal dust in the area caught fire.
24 Jan 2012	Derrimut	Fractured finger	Worker was lifting a box of tiles when the bottom of the box gave way and the tiles squashed workers hand.
24 Jan 2012	Wodonga	Puncture wound	A worker was assembling a cabinet using a nail gun and a nail went through the board and punctured the workers finger on the other side.
24 Jan 2012	Warburton	De-gloved right thumb	A workers thumb became caught in a conveyor chain.
24 Jan 2012	Haywood	Laceration to the front of the head	A worker was standing on a conveyor one metre off the ground pulling strings from a hay bail and he tripped and fell.
24 Jan 2012	Brooklyn	Burn to left forearm	A worker was cleaning a silo and forced a blockage which was partially on fire into the silo. Some fire escaped from the hatch and burnt the workers arm.
24 Jan 2012	Moolap	N/A	A fire occurred in the liquid pitch shed when a gauge came off a pump for the hot oil and the oil ignited and sprayed up to the ceiling.
25 Jan 2012	Shepparton	Laceration	A worker on a production line elbowed a can being held by a co worker and lacerated her elbow.
27 Jan 2011	Bendigo	Fractured index finger	A worker was operating a bottling machine when his hand became caught in the machine.
27 Jan 2012	Moorabbin	Crush injury	A worker was holding the top edging of a large piece of granite which slipped from his grasp and hit him in chest.
27 Jan	Preston	N/A	The Perspex cover fell from six metres from a light fitting.

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2012			
27 Jan 2012	Brunswick	Amputated finger	A worker was cutting MDF with a panel saw and severed his right hand index finger.
31 Jan 2012	Braeside	Lacerated finger	A worker was rolling a piece of metal between two rollers and caught the tip of his finger in the roller.
1 Feb 2012	Heatherton	Seizure	A worker suffered an epileptic seizure at work.
1 Feb 2012	Coburg	Laceration of forearm	A worker was undoing steel coils preparing them for production when the end of coil swung and hit workers forearm.
1 Feb 2012	Laverton North	Laceration to left arm	A worker was opening the door of a bin and a piece of steel fell through and cut his arm.
1 Feb 2012	Sunshine	N/A	Steel coils were being unloaded from a truck tray by a magnet crane when the coil released from the magnet crane and the coil fell back onto the truck tray.
1 Feb 2012	Springvale	Fractured right wrist	A worker tripped over and fell suffering a broken right wrist.
1 Feb 2012	Wantirna	N/A	A mobile shredder was being operated next to a waste pile when the waste caught fire causing the shredder to also catching on fire.
1 Feb 2012	Dandenong	Head injury and seizure	A worker had a seizure and as he fell down he struck his head on the ground.
2 Feb 2012	Sunshine	Crush injury	A worker was assisting another worker on hose making machine when the machine activated and squashed his finger.
2 Feb 2012	Dandenong South	Puncture wound	A worker was operating a nail gun, when a nail shot through the base of his left thumb.
2 Feb 2012	Corio	N/A	A forklift struck a banded pallet which pushed against the leg of warehouse racking causing partial collapse of rack. One drum fell to the ground and two other drums leant up against forklift.
2 Feb 2012	Laverton North	Burns	A worker sustained burns to his right arm and parts of his face whilst trying to unblock a pipe carrying hot tallow.
3 Feb 2012	Hastings	Fractured elbow	A worker fell off a ladder as he was replacing fluoro tubes.
3 Feb 2012	Shepparton	Crushed fingers	A worker was using a portable hydraulic jack when his fingers were crushed.

## Logistics

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20 Jan 2012	West Melbourne	Eye/throat irritations and chest tightness	Approximately 100 litres of Isopropylamine leaked from a 15,000 litre tank as it was being lowered onto a stand from a ship.
21 Jan 2012	West Melbourne	Laceration	A worker was pulling steel bands out from packs wearing gloves and suffered a serious laceration to his hand through the glove.
23 Jan 2012	Laverton North	N/A	A forklift operator was lifting a pallet of liquor up into racking when he hit the side upright causing boxes on the racking to fall onto the ground.
24 Jan 2012	Geelong	Foot injury	Worker was reversing a reach forklift and contacted a static forklift causing part of the forklift to penetrate his foot.
24 Jan 2012	Camperdown	Twisted knee	Worker twisted knee while climbing out of his truck.
24 Jan 2012	Brooklyn	Fractured left ankle	Worker tripped as he was walking down stairs in the cold store and fractured his left ankle.
24 Jan	West Melbourne	N/A	A pin dislodged from a container cranes spreader and hit

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2012			hatch covers on the wharf.
24 Jan 2012	Hepburn Springs	Fatality	A trucks' brakes disengaged and it rolled over an embankment dragging the driver under the vehicle and trapping him beneath the trailer.
25 Jan 2012	Mulgrave	N/A	A forklift caught the roof support bar in the warehouse while lowering a pallet of cartons from racking. A number of boxes from the pallet fell to the ground.
25 Jan 2012	Broadmeadows	N/A	A box of multipurpose cloths fell three metres from a sorting unit.
30 Jan 2012	Barnawartha	Lacerations to the face.	A worker was loading a trailer and placing freezer pads up to sealer zone when the 'pogo' bar fell and struck his face.
31 Jan 2012	Bairnsdale	N/A	A raised forklift mast clipped the concrete door lintel causing part of the wall to fall back onto the top of forklift and footpath.
1 Feb 2012	Scoresby	Lacerated finger	A worker was opening cartons with a blade and cut his left index finger.
1 Feb 2012	Westall	Fractured left ankle	A worker was disembarking from a battery truck and rolled his left ankle.
3 Feb 2012	Broadmeadows	N/A	A box weighing 8.7 kg's fell three metres from a sorter onto the thoroughfare used by forklifts and pedestrians.

## Meat

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
23 Jan 2012	Warrnambool	Laceration	A worker cut the palm of his hand with a knife as he was neck boning.
24 Jan 2012	Brooklyn	Burns	Worker received burns from a fire in a meat hopper.
25 Jan 2012	Brooklyn	Lacerations to the left forearm.	A worker was slicing rump and placed a knife down on the bench. As he grabbed the rump the knife lacerated his left forearm.

## Food

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
23 Jan 2012	Fitzroy North	Amputation left index finger tip	A worker was slicing spring onions and sliced his index finger.
27 Jan 2012	Colac	Laceration.	A worker was operating a forklift and drove through some freezer curtains which hit him in the face, splitting his lip.
31 Jan 2012	Laverton North	Amputated finger tip	A worker was on a ladder when he lost his balance and stuck his hand in the moving machine.
31 Jan 2012	Baranduda	N/A	A box which wasn't properly sealed was travelling up a conveyor when two UHT cartons fell out four metres to the ground.
31 Jan 2012	Shepparton	Lacerations to the head	A worker was doing a wash down, bent down to pick up a hose and while standing up knocked his head. Was taken the local GP
2 Feb 2012	Shepparton	Laceration	A worker was cleaning a machine and sliced his left index finger as he was removing a filter/screen.
2 Feb 2012	Leongatha	Back injury	A worker fell 1.3 metres off a platform when she stepped back.

## Retail/Trade

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20 Jan 2012	Shepparton	Burns	A worker was burned when solvent on his overalls caught fire.
23 Jan 2012	Frankston	Puncture wound to abdomen	A motor mechanic was making repairs to a wheel when a piece of metal flew off and penetrated his abdomen.
23 Jan 2012	Elsternwick	Fractured right foot	A worker fractured their right foot when they missed a step while walking outside.
23 Jan 2012	Frankston	Finger laceration	A worker was using the tyre removing machine when his left hand was caught and his fingertip was lacerated
24 Jan 2012	Echuca	Twisted left knee	Worker twisted left knee while pulling a pallet up a steel ramp.
24 Jan 2012	South Yarra	Faint	A worker fainted from exposure to paint fumes.
27 Jan 2012	Richmond	Fractured leg.	A customer slipped on a piece of grape and fractured her leg.
27 Jan 2012	Hawthorn East	Fractured wrist	A worker fell and broke her wrist.
27 Jan 2012	Seymour	N/A	A Perspex light covering fell from the ceiling.
27 Jan 2012	Dandenong	Fractured ribs	A worker was repairing a tractor when it started up and started and drove over his waist.
29 Jan 2012	Maribyrnong	Burns	A bottle of acetone spilled and was ignited by a candle.
30 Jan 2012	Warrnambool	Claustrophobia	Two worker were stuck in a lift for 1 ½ hours.
1 Feb 2012	Bendigo	Laceration to finger	A motor mechanic was changing the oil pump on a car when the wrench slipped causing his hand to strike the engine.
2 Feb 2012	Burwood	N/A	A piece of metal duct 500 x 500mm fell from a four metre high ceiling.
3 Feb 2012	Bendigo	Laceration to groin area	A worker walked past a knife left on a bench and received a laceration to his groin area
3 Feb 2012	Broadmeadows	Laceration to right little finger	A worker cut his right little finger on the aluminium seal of a drink dispenser.

## Agriculture

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
21 Jan 2012	Mildura	N/A	A ramp on the rear of a low loader trailer fell uncontrolled to the ground from the upright position.
25 Jan 2012	Toora	Puncture/ laceration	While slashing grass from tractor, an overhanging branch kicked up and punctured workers scrotum.
25 Jan 2012	Echuca	Fractured left leg	Worker was handling a horse when it bolted and fell onto him breaking his leg.
28 Jan 2012	Mirboo North	Fractured arm and laceration	Worker was riding on the back of a quad bike when the bike rolled over and injured her.
30 Jan 2012	Omeo	Fractures to L2, L3 and kidney damage	A worker was shoeing a horse when the horse over-balance and leaned onto the worker.
1 Feb 2012	Yarragon	Bruised leg and ribs	A worker came off a quad bike and was trapped under it.
2 Feb 2012	Wodonga	N/A	A harvesters wiring shorted out near a battery box causing a small fire in the woodchip.
2 Feb 2012	Drouin	Leg Injuries	A worker was run over by a tractor.
3 Feb 2012	Johanna	N/A	A plantation tree harvesting machine caught fire.

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