

# Reported incidents

## 3 December 2013

Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox there have been 65 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
15 Nov	Blackburn	Near miss	A crew was one metre deep trying to find a gas service to bore past it. The service was damaged with a bucket trying to clear the hole out.
15 Nov	Toorak	Fracture	Employee crushed his middle finger between a concrete slave and steel beam while he was maneuvering a steel beam.
15 Nov	Ringwood	Puncture	Employee was installing timber frames with a nail gun when a nail skewed out of the timber into his left hand.
15 Nov	Carlton	Electric shock	Two employees suffered electric shocks/burns when the boom they were using to install a sign on a building struck power lines with a metal track.
15 Nov	Surf Coast	Crush	Employee crushed his finger between two rocks he was moving.
18 Nov	Gippsland	Crush	Employee slipped and fell from a cranes step, when the crane started and began to move forward.
18 Nov	Lilydale	Crush	Employee squashed his finger between a loader bucket and rail plate while unloading plates into the bucket.
18 Nov	North Melbourne	Bruising	During stripping of formwork, an employee was struck on the shoulder by a piece of ply (300mm x 1200mm) falling three levels down.
18 Nov	South Melbourne	Eye injury	Employee was grinding wearing goggles, goggles steamed up; he removed them to wipe them clean and got a foreign body stuck in his eye.
18 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	During a concrete pour on level 40 the pump operator noticed a drop in pressure and found the line had blown on level two.
19 Nov	South Yarra	Near miss	Employee was leaning over a hand rail on the roof of a building when it came loose and fell approximately 50 metres into a loading zone on the ground floor.
19 Nov	Port Melbourne	Near miss	A 100 tonne crane was transferring a scissor lift out of a stair well when the lift detached from the crane and fell a few meters to the ground.

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19 Nov	Footscray	Laceration	Employee was cutting metal with a grinder when it kicked back into his lower leg.
19 Nov	Bendigo	Near miss	A crane was lifting a large piece of double-glazed glass that broke and dropped shards to the ground four metres below.
19 Nov	Geelong	Leg injury	Employee was struck in the leg by an excavator.
20 Nov	Belgrave	Puncture	Employee entered a one metre deep excavation when he landed on a rio bar and punctured his foot.
20 Nov	Langwarrin	Puncture	Employee shot himself through the hand with a nail gun while he was framing.
20 Nov	Melbourne	Concussion	Inspector bumped his head on a boom lift during a site inspection.
20 Nov	Port Melbourne	Laceration	A door being transported to a loading bay slipped and fell off a scissor lift, lacerating an employee's leg.
20 Nov	Reservoir	Near miss	A crane was being raised with a load but failed to stop when it reached full height, causing a side plate lifting hook (weighing about 10kg) to fall to the ground.
20 Nov	Sunbury	Laceration	Employee standing on a ladder dropped a chisel onto a colleague who was holding the ladder in place.
20 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	Concrete dropped five metres to the ground after a pump blew.
20 Nov	Ocean Grove	Near miss	A gas line was hit by a bobcat and began to leak.
20 Nov	Ballarat	Laceration	Employee cut his leg with a circular saw.
21 Nov	Wantirna	Electric shock	Employee received electric shock while modifying a main switch extension.
21 Nov	Wodonga	Fracture	Employee fractured his foot when he was struck by an excavator.
22 Nov	Carrum	Fracture	Contractor fell off a ladder and broke his wrist.
22 Nov	Footscray	Near miss	Mini excavator tipped over and off a truck with the operator inside while picking up buckets and other attachments.
22 Nov	Wodonga	Laceration	Employee was cutting chimney flashing when he cut his finger on an edge.
22 Nov	Richmond	Fracture	Employee fell over when his hand became stuck in a wheelie bin handle, fracturing his finger and knocking his head.

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22 Nov	Cape Otway	Laceration	Contractor standing between two parked trucks when one drove away hitting and dragging him, lacerating his leg.
25 Nov	Tullamarine	Near miss	During demolition works a copper pipe fell from level two approximately nine metres to level one, landing on a restaurant floor.
25 Nov	Melbourne	Fracture	Employee was pulling a table when he tripped over and fell backwards, fracturing two ribs.
25 Nov	Carlton	Fracture and laceration	Contractor was placing a heavy grate down when it slipped and fell on his finger.
26 Nov	Mitcham	Laceration	Employee was installing metal batons on a roof when his drill slipped and shot past a baton's raw edge, lacerating his finger.
26 Nov	Morwell	Near miss	A gantry crane sling hook failed when a box was lifted.
26 Nov	Springvale	Near miss	A six foot long steel z-bar reo fell approximately three metres from a bridge above, landing on mud below.
26 Nov	Whittlesea	Fracture	Employee stepped out of his truck, missed the handle, fell to the ground and landed on his elbow.
26 Nov	Moonee Ponds	Electric shock	Apprentice received an electric shock while putting up cold water main runs.
26 Nov	Lara	Near miss	Gas lines running through a property were hit while concrete slab pier holes were being drilled.
26 Nov	Ballarat	Electric shock	Employee received an electric shock while doing electrical work on an overhead power line from an EWP.
27 Nov	Wodonga	Laceration	Employee was struck in the face by a blade of an angle grinder.
27 Nov	Dandenong	Fractures	Employee was on a ladder when he lost balance and fell on his wrist and shoulder.
27 Nov	Brighton	Laceration	Employee lacerated his thumb while using a box cutter.
27 Nov	Cranbourne	Near miss	A bore hole digger ruptured a running gas line.
27 Nov	Thomastown	Near miss	A gas service was broken while a new water main trench was being dug.
27 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	A piece of pre-cast panel chipped off during installation, hitting a gantry then dropping from height.
27 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	Concrete slurry fell from height landing near and on employees.

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27 Nov	Northcote	Laceration	Apprentice lacerated finger between two pieces of flashing while he was cladding a wall.
27 Nov	Kilmore	Fracture	Employee broke his wrist when the magnetic drill he was using became locked and spun because the drill bit had become jammed.
27 Nov	Moonee Ponds	Electric shock	Apprentice received an electric shock when he brushed past some live wires.
28 Nov	Mentone	Laceration	Employee was pulling off metal strapping with a hammer when the strapping snapped and sliced his wrist.
28 Nov	Dandenong	Laceration	Employee amputated his finger and damaged thumb ligaments when he made contact with a radial arm saw blade that had kept running after being switched off.
28 Nov	Blackburn	Laceration	Contractor slipped on some timber and grabbed a timber frame for support when his arm slipped, catching on a speed brace.
28 Nov	Hawthorn	Laceration	Employee lacerated his wrist while using a grinder.
28 Nov	Carlton	Near miss	A reinforced steel bar fell from the shoulders of an employee, dropping from level six to four.
28 Nov	Ascot Vale	Laceration	Employee lacerated his hand while using an electric saw.
28 Nov	Williamstown	Electric shock	Employee received an electric shock from a live cable while removing pieces of ceiling by hand during demolition.
28 Nov	Werribee	Near miss	Employee was accessing a ceiling to run a cable when he noticed a spark on the ceiling and found a live electrical cable touching some mesh reinforcement.
28 Nov	Northcote	Laceration	Employee was laying tarp on a metal corrugated roof when he lost footing and fell, lacerating his arm.
28 Nov	Melbourne	Bruising	A concrete boom pump's heavy steel ladder dislodged and fell from height, striking an employee's neck and forearm.

## Mining

Date	Industry	Injury description	Incident summary
15 Nov	Mine	Electric shock	Employee received an electric shock while hosing down process plant.
17 Nov	Mine	Near miss	Over burden dump area - batter collapsed and partially covered one side of a dozer operating at the toe of the

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16 Nov	Mine	Bruising	Employee was struck on the back of the neck when erecting a power pole.
22 Nov	Mine	Laceration	Employee was attempting to undo a pump valve which released and hand impacted a sign resulting in finger laceration.