

Notified incidents

8th May

Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox, there have been 45 incidents serious enough to be reported to WorkSafe Victoria, from the construction, utility, quarrying and mining industries. Below is a summary of these incidents.

Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
23 April		
Dandenong South	Lacerations to left hand	A worker's hand was struck by the blades of the cooling system on a fork-lift truck.
St Kilda	Near miss	Metal plating on some scaffolding fell approximately 22 metres onto the footpath outside a theatre.
Melbourne	Near miss	A tape measure fell off an unknown level to the ground, narrowly missing a worker.
Healesville	Laceration	Working alone on construction site, worker using an angle grinder has sustained laceration to arm.
Warrnambool	Wrist and neck fractures	Worker on roof stood on a loose baton that was not nailed down and fell two metres.
24 April		
Geelong	Possible fracture	Worker fell one metre from a platform, landed on left shoulder and received a possible fractured collar bone.
Colbinabbin	Near miss	Hydraulic hose on an excavator burst causing engine fire.
26 April		
Albert Park	Laceration to hand	A worker was using a fixing gun when it moved causing the nail to shoot through hand.
Victoria Harbour	Near miss	Crane dropped load onto a truck.
Heidelberg	Near miss	Trench collapse due to inadequate shielding.
Albert Park	Laceration to hand	Worker hand was injured while was using a nail gun that moved unexpectedly.
Mulgrave	Near miss	Weld joint on excavator failed and arm dropped forward 10 inches.
Hallam	Electric shock	Worker received electric shock and burn to right hand while working on an electrical switchboard.
Lilydale	Sprain to thumb	Worker using hammer drill when the drill bit spun in his hand causing a sprain to the right thumb.

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Mornington	Near miss	Excavator was being serviced when it struck overhead power lines.
27 April		
Carrum	Near miss	Two workers were on a barge with a piece of machinery when the barge overturned and the workers ended up in the water.
Docklands	Near miss	Plastic bucket fell 14 stories into the drop zone of a worksite.
Chelsea	Fracture	Worker sorting through timber when a nail punctured left hand finger and fractured the bone.
Port Melbourne	Laceration	Worker suffered laceration when hand hit a fluorescent light.
28 April		
Melbourne	Laceration	Worker using chisel slipped and lacerated left middle finger.
29 April		
Safety Beach	Near miss	Worker observed working at height on double storey building without fall protection.
Southbank	Near miss	A cordless drill fell approx 20 metres from the top step of a ladder that was moved, the drill then slipped through a shade cloth to the ground.
30 April		
Prahran	Near miss	Concrete pump line exploded.
Ashwood	Laceration	Worker picked up metal door frame that had a sharp edge, sustained laceration to left index finger.
Southbank	Electric shock	Worker was attempting to remove a silicon bead from a window frame when contact was made with electrical supply inside frame.
Bannockburn	Puncture wound	Worker operating nail gun when the gun slipped and sustained puncture wound to left thumb.
Taylor's Hill	Grazing to thigh	Worker installing insulation slipped on scaffolding beam and fell one storey. Broke fall by grabbing beam but sustained graze to thigh.
Eaglehawk	Laceration	Worker was cutting corrugated roofing and hand accidentally slipped on the edge of the roofing and

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		lacerated right thumb.
Springvale	Fracture	Worker standing on flat bed trailer fell backward and broke upper left leg.
Cambrian Hill	Fractures and lacerations	Two workers travelling in work vehicle were struck by a truck.
Fitzroy	Fracture	Worker struck thumb with tool while attempting lock change.
1 May		
Werribee	Near miss	An excavator has struck an underground gas pipe.
Ballarat	Puncture wound	Worker on a ladder using a finishing gun stepped off ladder, slipped and nail gun went through hand.
Carrum Downs	Fracture	Worker slipped off the tray on a tray truck and fractured knee.
Bendoc	Laceration	Worker was sanding weatherboards when hand struck a metal strip and sustained a laceration to left index finger.
2 May		
Sunbury	Fracture	Worker slipped in wet weather and sustained ankle fracture.
Northcote	Laceration	Worker shot self through the thumb with a pneumatic nail gun while framing tin stud walls.
Preston	Fatality	Worker crushed while delivering a forklift and scissor lift to a worksite.
3 May		
Kalkallo	Near miss	Concrete delivery truck rolled on soft dirt on the roadside, no injuries.
Tarneit	Laceration	Worker's head came into contact with metal wall brace, sustained lacerations to the head.
Ballarat	Near miss	A short piece of scaffolding tubing fell from the third level to level one.
Mining		
Costerfield 24th April	Respiratory difficulties	A worker (wearing gas mask) entered an underground mine area and was affected by fumes.

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Stawell 24th April	Near miss	Truck struck wall in underground mine.
Ballarat 26th April	Laceration to left middle finger	Worker was removing a drill core tray when the tray nicked the left middle finger.
Yallourn 29th April	Bruising	Worker sustained bruising to knee after four wheel drive slid against a vertical concrete pipe in mine area.