

# Reported incidents



Since the last newsletter there were 80 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These include 13 fractures, 35 lacerations, two electric shocks and two amputations.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
8 Nov	Reservoir	Crushed hand	Worker was feeding a small piece of flat stainless steel into roller when his glove caught, causing his hand to be drawn into the roller.
8 Nov	Sunshine	Worker collapsed	Process worker cutting a box header tube didn't release gas pressure before using the tool causing it to backfire into his face.
8 Nov	Vermont	Lacerated forehead	Worker doing manual stocktake turned his head and struck it on a rack behind him causing a forehead laceration.
8 Nov	Dandenong	Fractured right arm	Worker operating a 'profile blasting machine' grabbed a roller with his hand to remove dust when his arm got dragged into the roller.
8 Nov	Latrobe Valley	Lacerated head	Worker working between scrap metal bins stacked three high, each bin approx 900mm, was bumped causing stack to become unbalanced. The top bin fell and struck workers head causing two head lacerations.
8 Nov	Bayswater	Lacerated thigh	Worker splicing a conveyor belt (joining two ends of a conveyor together) and was cutting wires when his knife slipped and lacerated his thigh.
13 Nov	Ballarat	Lacerated head	Apprentice emerging from under semi-trailer misjudged where the end of the trailer was and hit his head.
13 Nov	Broadmeadows	Broken ribs	Worker on a pallet trolley when he took a sharp turn, causing him to fall onto concrete.
13 Nov	Braeside	Fractured right arm	Worker working on machine and lifted guard to access the board and machine, causing worker to break his right arm.
14 Nov	Daylesford	Lacerated finger	Worker using bottle cap machine and was putting a cap into a holder while someone else was pressing the capping button.
15 Nov	Campbellfield	Lacerated middle left finger	Worker using circular saw on table top and lacerated his hand.
15 Nov	Latrobe Valley	Near miss	During shutdown a piece of metal (50 x 50 x 150cm) fell from where work was being carried out on level four. The metal fell approximately 15m to the ground, through the structure of the other floors
15 Nov	Noble Park	Lacerated chin	Contractor using a nine inch grinder when it kicked back.
15 Nov	Melbourne	Injured nerve in back	Two workers lifting 40kg timber panel when one felt a sharp pain to his back.
16 Nov	Moorabbin	Lacerated left hand	Worker reached over a moving machine to get a metal tray and her hand was caught in the moving machine.
16 Nov	Bayswater	Crushed finger	Brake press operator folding some metal parts and crushed

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			middle left finger on press through the interlock guard.
16 Nov	Bundoora	Lacerated chin	Worker hammering a wheel bearing on hubcap when an unknown foreign object flicked up and lodged in the chin required surgery to remove.
16 Nov	Ballarat	Near miss	Boom cable on a non-slewing mobile crane snapped while shifting concrete block weighing two tonne. Block had been lifted 40mm inside a van and the boom was partially extended at the time.
19 Nov	Latrobe Valley	Electric shock	Forklift operator received electric shock.
21 Nov	Berwick	Head injuries and broken ankle	Worker was welding a steel beam when he fell off the ladder he was working from.
21 Nov	Nunawading	Laceration	Worker was printing and stopped the machine and unbolted a print wiping blade holder. He used an Allen key to loosen the bolt and his hand slipped and hit the blade.
22 Nov	Warragul	Lacerated right index finger	Apprentice was trying to remove a piece of acrylic when he hit a blade.
22 Nov	Maryborough	Exposure to a substance	Worker was operating a decreaser for drill blanks and inhaled vapours and fumes.
22 Nov	Yarraville	Fractured arm	Worker was placing a chock under a large bin when the forklift operator placed the bin down on his arm.
22 Nov	Alphington	Flash burns	Worker sustained flash burns to his face and arms while working on a large switchboard.
23 Nov	Broadmeadows	Amputation of right thumb	Worker was cutting timber with a circular saw when his right thumb was caught and amputated from the knuckle.
23 Nov	Altona	Hand laceration	Worker was installing a safety guard on machinery and as he was undoing a bolt, something fell onto his hand.

## Logistics

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
8 Nov	Ballarat	Ankle ligament damage	Worker was strapping down the load on his vehicle and when he stepped back his foot landed in a hole causing his ankle to twist.
12 Nov	Footscray	Injured leg	Shipping container dropped onto truck cabin, trapping driver.
12 Nov	Knoxfield	Near miss	Contractor walking in aisle instead of designated walkway was struck by truck driving forward with a pallet.
12 Nov	West Melbourne	Near miss	Gust of wind blew a 40ft shipping container off stack of three containers.
13 Nov	Geelong	Injured ribs	Contractor fell from height.
15 Nov	Tullamarine	Near miss	Forklift driver loading product into back of truck when truck began to drive off.
15 Nov	Sunshine	Concussion	Worker making delivery pulled truck curtain back to open gates. Wind caught curtain and pole hit him in the head.
15 Nov	Laverton	Lacerated face	Driver picking parcel up tripped and fell on stairs hitting face on handrail.
20 Nov	Thornbury	Lacerated left thumb	Driver was picking up 20-foot container on tow truck. There were two owner drivers helping and one had left thumb crushed under container.
20 Nov	Tottenham	Bruising to lower body	Driver was adjusting truck for a different size container when became crushed between his truck and another.
20 Nov	Thornbury	Amputation of a finger	Driver got his finger caught in a chain, out of sight from the other driver.
21 Nov	Tullamarine	Fracture to right index finger	Worker had his finger jammed when he was closing the door of his truck.
21 Nov	Dandenong	Broken bone, right foot	Worker stepped off pallet transporters onto uneven floor surface (20mm) and possibly twisted foot which has

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			caused him to break a bone.
22 Nov	Gardenvale	Seven broken ribs, possible broken arm	Worker didn't engage the hand brake when he got out of his truck. As it started to roll, he ran alongside the driver's side and the truck pinned him against a barrier and the wall and crushed him.

## Meat

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
8 Nov	Echuca	Lacerated left arm	Worker pulling up glove on her left arm, while holding knife in her right hand resulting in lacerated left arm.
8 Nov	Echuca	Lacerated left elbow	Worker was being taught by another trainer to cut the ribs off the carcass. As the trainer threw the ribs down, the trainee went to take his turn and when the trainer turned back around he accidentally stabbed trainee with knife.
8 Nov	Seymour	Lacerated left arm	Worker was cutting the hide off the leg of a bull carcass when his knife slipped and cut through his personal protective equipment and lacerated his left arm.
12 Nov	Brooklyn	Lacerated right arm and severed artery	Worker pulling shoulders on mutton kill floor had a knife in his hand that slipped, seriously lacerating his right forearm and severing an artery.
15 Nov	Seymour	Lacerated right ring finger and severed nerve	Worker washing arms in boot wash area while holding a knife in left hand when a colleague bumped him.
15 Nov	Macedon Ranges	Lacerated left little finger and severed tendon	Worker cutting brisket followed through too far with knife.
15 Nov	Warrnambool	Lacerated arm	Worker boning beef and lost grip on boning hook which then struck him.
19 Nov	Castlemaine	Lacerated finger	Worker fitting blade onto webber and was reaching for a nut with hand when he slipped and lacerated his left ring finger on the blade.
20 Nov	Warrnambool	Laceration to right middle finger	Worker was cutting the throat of a bull when the head reared back and jammed his right middle finger between the head and a metal table.
21 Nov	Bacchus Marsh	Compound fracture to right thumb	Worker had his right thumb caught on a box conveyor as he rested his hand on the machine in the boning room.
21 Nov	Echuca	Laceration to left elbow	Worker was removing a knuckle from a cow in the boning room when the pressure on the knife has followed through and hit his left elbow.
21 Nov	Coburg	Laceration and crushing to finger	Worker was mincing meat and got his finger caught in the mincer.
21 Nov	Nathalia	Laceration to upper lip	Worker was cutting a carcass when he slipped with his knife and received a laceration to his upper lip.
21 Nov	Somerville	Concussion	Worker fainted while doing process work.
22 Nov	Bendigo	Fractured right arm	Contractor misjudged step as he was getting off the tray of his ute and fell.
22 Nov	Laverton	Finger laceration, possible nerve damage.	Worker was using a large saw to slice pork bodies in half. When he turned off the saw and tried to pull it out his hand came into contact with the blade.

## Food

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20 Nov	Braybrook	Laceration to forehead	Worker tripped over pallet and as he stumbled, head hit on conveyer belt and lacerated forehead.

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20 Nov	Southbank	Minor concussion	Cook was preparing breakfast in the kitchen when a metal panel fell and hit him on the head.
20 Nov	Tullamarine	Fracture to left ankle	Worker was in freezer replenishing stock on forklift, along with another Worker on a forklift. As he got off, the other operator didn't see him and struck him as he turned.
22 Nov	Swan Hill	Laceration to left hand	Worker was taking the top part of an oven off to clean and jammed his left hand.

### Retail/Trade

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
12 Nov	Melbourne	Broken left little finger	Worker emptying vending machine door was distracted and the cover plate fell onto left pinky finger.
12 Nov	Laverton	Severed tendon	Worker opening a box when his hand slipped and struck some racking.
15 Nov	Melbourne	Fractured right wrist	Customer fell on an uneven asphalt floor at a market.
15 Nov	Dandenong	Puncture wound (infected)	Door-to-door sales person bitten on upper arm by dog as he left a residential address.
Nov 21	Northshore	Laceration to finger	A mechanical fitter was working on a gearbox when he suffered a laceration to his finger when trying to pull his hand out of the inside of the gearbox.
Nov 21	Cheltenham	Residual electric shock	Two male workers, who were putting up metal stud partitions, touched temporary distribution board at the same time as holding steel and received a low voltage continuous residual buzz (60-100Volts).
Nov 22	Melbourne	Concussion	Worker fell down stairs and hit head, was taken to hospital due to concussion.

### Agriculture/Horticulture

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
8 Nov	Shepparton	Fatality	Farmer found deceased under an auger on his property.
8 Nov	Benalla	Lacerated left hand little finger	Worker was cutting a length of hose when the knife he was using struck him on the top of the finger.
12 Nov	Warrnambool	Minor injuries	Quad bike driver was struck by another vehicle after failing to stop at a stop sign.
13 Nov	Box Hill	Lacerated left forearm	Worker up pine tree cutting branch with chainsaw when he leaned over to move another branch and chainsaw grazed his left forearm.
13 Nov	Ringwood	Lacerated left forearm	Pine tree limb fell off tree while Worker attempting to defoliate it.
14 Nov	Gippsland	Lacerated right index finger	Worker feeding chickens and clearing them from shed area caught his finger on the feeder chain.
16 Nov	Bacchus Marsh	Soft tissue injury and bruising to right hand.	Worker lifting concrete dropped it onto his right hand, caused a soft tissue injury and bruising to his right hand.
19 Nov	Murray Region	Shoulder and rib injuries	Farmer rolled quad bike, sustaining upper body injuries
19 Nov	Macedon Ranges	Upper body injuries	Man run over by tractor
22 Nov	Maffra	Near miss	While raising a portable auger to move corn from a silo the operator was using an electric winch and noticed the cable was starting to fray. The cable snapped and the auger fell and landed on the side of the silo.
23 Nov	Box Hill	Lacerated left hand	Worker was working on a tree, reaching for a branch and cut his left hand with his chainsaw.
23 Nov	Wauron Ponds	Laceration to chin	A worker was packing up a 17m truck-mounted elevated work platform when one of the extension arms 'let go',

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			resulting in him being jolted in the bucket and striking his chin and knee.
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