

Reported incidents

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Since the last newsletter there were 119 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These include six fractures, 41 lacerations, one electric shock and eight finger tip amputations.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 26	Hamilton	Lacerated thumb	Worker using a panel saw.
June 27	Campbellfield	Crush injuries to body	Worker crushed between a forklift and machinery in a shipping container
	South Melbourne	Lacerated thumb	Employee was supplying and adjusting a mixing bank when he caught his finger in the belt drive.
	Wendouree	Crush injury to lower back	Employee injured when separating a trailer chassis.
	Campbellfield	Amputation of finger	Fabricator polishing a hoop welding on a cable when the cable wrapped around the finisher shaft.
	Heidelberg West	Partial amputation of finger	Operator trapped his finger under a clamp on a binder/guillotine.
	Dandenong South	Unknown injuries	Ambulance called at request of employee.
	Bayswater North	Lacerated finger	Eighteen-year-old employee struck the saw blade as he was docking timber at a docking saw.
	Clayton South	Lacerated forearm	Employee injured by piece of glass.
	Ballarat	Near miss	The chassis of a semi-trailer being built moved and stuck an employee.
June 28	Mitcham	Finger injury	Employee was cleaning a bench grinder with a wired brush, when his hand slipped.
	Altona North	Near miss	Forklift backed into a truck in a packing bay when a traffic management sensor failed to detect the truck.
June 29	Williamstown	Lacerated thumb	Contractor struck his thumb with a grinder wheel.
	Corio	Near miss	Employees were using a podgy bar to fit a lid to a vessel when the bar slipped and fell 4m through a grating.
	Hallam	Finger injury	Worker jammed finger between a box and plate at an injection moulding machine.
July 2	Laverton North	Near miss	A roll of tissue paper fell onto employee causing him to fall back onto the front of a forklift.
	Junortoun	Lacerated finger	Brick fell on worker unloading a kiln.
	Dandenong	Foot injury	Two workers were fitting side doors to van bodies. When the worker above hammered in the door it kicked out and landed on the worker below.
July 3	Portland	Near miss	A link on a conveyor chain broke and flew approx 6m during chain replacement.
	Campbellfield	Near miss	A laminating station over heated and exploded.
	North Melbourne	Lacerated cheek	Worker slipped while unloading a piece of equipment from a wooden box. He fell forward and hit his head on the box.
	Terang	Hand injury	Worker was using a circular saw to cut timber pegs when

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			saw kicked back
	Dandenong	Near miss	Contractor was using a grinder when it kicked back.
	Dandenong South	Lacerated head	Contractor was inspecting pipework under a test rig. He stood up and hit his head.
	North Melbourne	Lacerated hand	Worker replacing guillotine blade tried to catch the blade when it fell. It cut through his glove.
	Horsham	Hand injury	Eighteen-year-old worker was using a grinder to sharpen a band saw blade. When he ran his hand over the blade to check for any rough edges, a metal splinter penetrated his hand.
	Wauron Ponds	Electric shock	An employee was turning on the light in the toilet
	Warracknabeal	Dislocated knee	Fabricator injured knee closing shed door after parking work truck.
July 4	Altona	Near miss	During loading operations, a coupling came apart from a the tanker hose resulting in a release of LPG.
	Knoxfield	Near miss	Ammonia leak. Employees evacuated.
	Dandenong South	Lacerated fingers	Employee picked up a router which he had put down while it was still operating.
	Lindenow	Lacerated thumb	Nineteen-year-old worker was cutting plastic moulding with a stanley knife.
	Wendouree	Abdomen injury	Employee was lifting a loaded rack.
	Benalla	Near miss	Operator hit her had on shielding and dropped a pot of an explosive chemical.
July 5	Truganina	Fractured arm	Employee was pulled into a silk screening machine by his glove when he leant into the machine.
	Box Hill	Head injury	Employee fell backwards out of an EWP he was entering.
	Morwell	Ankle injury	Worker stepped out of his vehicle onto bitumen surface and rolled his ankle.
July 6	Lang Lang	Shoulder injury and lacerated head and face	Two employees injured in collision with a tree during vehicle evaluation.
	Bayswater North	Lacerated hand	Angle grinder kicked back on operator.

Logistics			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 25	Wendouree	Lacerated forearm	Worker was fitting a steel floor tube when it slipped out of his hand.
	Bayswater	Near miss	Pallet of plastic bottles fell from back of truck during unloading by a forklift. The pallet grazed the truck driver who was returning to the exclusion zone.
	Wodonga	Near miss	Cartons of stock dislodged and fell approx 6m when forklift contacted a pallet while putting another pallet into racking.
June 26	Shepparton	Hip injury	Employee slipped on mud and fell as she was returning to the building after a break.
	Mildura	Near miss	Fuel tanker rolled onto its side at a roundabout.
	Box Hill North	Partial amputation of fingers	Worker was unhooking chains of a crane truck when one chain let go. The chain swung around and hooked onto the operating button causing another chain to move.
	Derrimut	Hip injury	Worker fell from deck of trailer while securing load.
	Bendigo	Near miss	Two concrete barriers fell off truck when the restraint straps loosened.
June 27	Campbellfield	Unknown injuries	Contractor operating a forklift was unloading a shipping container with a worker. The worker was hit by the forklift when the forklift driver turned on the forklift while it was in gear.
	Torquay	Fractured leg	Worker completing a delivery sunk into the mud on a

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			grass area and fell sideways onto concrete.
June 28	Wallan	Near miss	Tanker rolled onto side and leaked fuel after collision with another vehicle.
	Barnawartha North	Near miss	Pallet fell approx 4-5m when a forklift operator lifting a pallet into racking did not fully retract tynes.
	North Geelong	Near miss	Employee was chaining a train carriage onto a vessel, when the chain broke and struck him.
	Sale	Laceration and abrasion to wrist	Employee was rolling a gas bottle when his sleeve got caught around the outlet valve. The release of the gas caused his to drop the bottle.
	Grampians	Lacerated finger	Driver delivering a refrigerator caught his hand between the unit and the doorway.
	Baranduda	Near miss	Damaged blocks of milk fell approx 3m from a packing line.
June 29	Mulgrave	Near miss	Bin of order selector touched the back of the pallet racking causing cartons to fall into the forklift aisle.
	Barnawartha North	Near miss	Forklift operator was putting a pallet of toilet paper into the rack. A 2kg pack fell approx 5m and landed on the ground near the driver.
	Altona	Near miss	Trailer tipped forward as worker was unloading trailer in loading dock.
July 2	South Morang	Lacerations	A rock thrown from a vehicle struck the windscreen of a bus resulting in injuries to the driver from the broken glass.
	Altona	Knee injury	Worker jump starting a forklift, knocked it into gear. When the forklift moved forward, he was caught between the forklift and a stationary forklift.
	Laverton North	Near miss	Forklift operator noticed incorrect shrink wrapping on a pallet he was lifting into shelving. When the pallet was moved for inspection, the back board of the pallet fell approx 6m.
	Broadmeadows	Near miss	Sections of anti perch spikes fell approx 30m
	Wangaratta	Fractured nose; back and ankle injury	Milk tanker collided with a tree.
	Laverton	Fractured ribs and scapula	Employee was using a high pressure air hose to remove paper residue from the core of the paper reel. The core toppled, struck him and pushed him against a forklift.
	Carrum Downs	Partial amputation of thumb; knee injury	Worker adjusting a plate he had placed on a press accidentally pulled a lever which caused the machine to move.
	West Melbourne	Near miss	An employee was working on the machine room at the top of a straddle carrier/crane when a steel rope dropped. The rope swung approx 35m in a pendulum action.
	Euroa	Leg injury	Employee veered off the road and struck a tree.
Thomastown	Fractured finger	Nineteen-year-old worker jammed a finger in a clapping machine.	
July 3	Laverton North	Lacerated knee	Employee unpacking a container was placing a carton on the pallet when the stock behind him fell forward. He hit his knee against the pallet.
July 5	Williamstown	Foot injury	Employee fell onto pier while swinging mooring lines to shore.
	Port Melbourne	Near miss	A pipe fell into the cabin of forklift while the operator was lifting scrap metal into a bin. The pipe was dislodged when one of the forklift wheels went into a drainage hole.
	Williams Landing	Eye injury	Contractor was inflating a tyre on a steering jinker when the tyre burst.
	Bayswater North	Lacerated hand and ankle injury	Worker cleaning windows in a booth fell off ladder.
July 6	Dandenong South	Unknown injuries	Worker tripped over a pieced of wood in the warehouse and collapsed.

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	Dandenong	Head injury	Employee fainted and hit head on a pallet.
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Meat

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June 25	Warrnambool	Lacerated finger	Worker sustained injury from a cog on a conveyor.
June 26	Brooklyn	Lacerated finger	Employee was learning how to use a bandsaw when a piece of wood pulled his hand into the saw.
	Warrnambool	Lacerated thumb	Angle grinder slipped.
June 28	Cobram	Lacerated thumb	Operator bypassed the safety guard to remove a bone from a bone machine.
	Seymour	Lacerated arm	Employee stabbed himself as he put his arms around a piece of meat.
July 4	Seymour	Lacerated thumb	Nineteen-year-old got blood in his eye while slaughtering a cow. He struck his thumb with his knife when the cow kicked.

Food

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 25	West Footscray	Lacerated finger	Worker's finger was caught while he was working on a motor with another employee.
June 26	Newport	Fractured shoulder	Worker slipped on a recently washed floor.
June 29	Southbank	Lacerated finger	Worker withdrew hand when dish broke during pouring. His hand hit a knife on a table.
	Southbank	Lacerated hand	Employee broke glassware when it dropped onto a bench.
July 2	Jolimont	Lacerated elbow	Chef hit elbow on trolley when he tried to stop a tray falling.
July 4	Jolimont	Lacerated thumb	Employee was placing a tray into a trolley when his thumb was caught between the trolley and the tray.
July 6	Jolimont	Lacerated thumb	Employee cut thumb while cutting up fruit.
	Bairnsdale	Fractured and lacerated finger	Employee caught fingers underneath a roller on a production line
	Cobram	Exposure to fumes	Worker overcome by ammonia fumes blown into his work area from a fume drum placed next to a fan.

Retail/Trade

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 25	Mentone	Lacerated face and bruising to back, shoulders and arms	Staff member assaulted during robbery.
	Sandringham	Minor burns to wrists	Employee splattered by oil during cooking.
	North Warrnambool	Near miss	Customer struck on head but did not sustain injury when a ceiling panel came loose and fell on him while a contractor was repairing a shutter door.
June 26	Baxter	Back injury	Worker was bending over putting away cups in a box.
June 27	Mildura	Lacerated thumb	Employee slipped while cutting with a stanley knife.
	Balaclava	Knee injury	Employee tripped and fell down the stairs while he was at a café.
June 28	Alexandra	Lacerated wrist	Employee slipped while cutting a pumpkin.
	Dandenong South	Amputation of finger	Maintenance fitted was replacing machine pulleys on vehicle hoists when the hoist activated and caught his

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			fingers.
	Epping	Lacerated fingers	Apprentice slipped while using a screwdriver to remove a wheel nut from a socket.
June 29	Croydon	Puncture injury to thumb	Operator jabbed his hand on a buried hypodermic needle while gardening at the front of his restaurant.
	Shepparton	Lacerated thumb	Worker using drop saw caught his glove on the blade which dragged his hand in.
	Traralgon	Burns to face and arms	Apprentice was lighting an oil heater with a rag.
	Craigieburn	Lacerated finger	Employee was cutting up a platter in the staff room.
July 2	Wangaratta	Partial amputation of finger	Contractor pushing trolleys down a ramp lost control when trolleys hit the bump pads. He jammed his finger between the trolleys and the ramp wall.
	Burwood	Near miss	Fuel leaked from tanker during delivery at site.
July 4	Heatherton	Near miss	Employee 'over-clamped' an upright oven when using a forklift to pick it up. The oven to fell approx 2.6m.
	Springvale	Burn to hand	Employee was trying to remove an LPG tank from a vehicle after an accident when an isolating valve came away and released the LPG.
July 5	Clayton	Foot injury	Employee run over by forklift.
July 6	Wangaratta	Partial amputation of finger and lacerated finger	Trolley collector was taking some trolleys down a ramp when a wheel twisted on a rubber mat and threw him against the rail.

Agriculture/Horticulture			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 25	Rosebud	Lacerated fingers	Worker was using a chainsaw.
	Corryong	Lacerated knee	Employee was working at docking saw.
June 26	Warrnambool	Lacerated finger	Employee was using an air gun to loosen bale tyne when a broken piece of tyne hit his finger.
June 28	West Creek	Foot injury	Employee caught his foot while unjamming a spreader.
	Melbourne	Lower body injury	Contractor fell approx 3m out of a tree he was pruning.
June 29	Chelsea Heights	Lacerated face	Chainsaw kicked back during tree work.
	Corio	Near miss	Bulk tank developed a leak in the drive arm.
July 4	Ballarat	Fractured ankle	Branch flicked up when employee was chain sawing.
July 6	Colignan	Partial amputation of finger	Worker was shifting scrap metal when he caught a finger between two pieces.
	Yalca	Lacerated finger	Worker was using an ag bike to head off a cow. He caught his hand in barbed wire when he put out his hand to stop the bike rolling.

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