

Reported incidents



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Since the last newsletter there were 88 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These include 17 fractures, 17 lacerations, five electric shocks and two finger tip amputations.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 8	Craigieburn	Near miss	Fire in raw material sieve and screen.
June 12	Braeside	Neck injury	Injury caused to welder when he closed his visor.
	Bacchus Marsh	Lacerated finger	Worker caught finger between the handle of a factory door he was opening and a second door.
	Bendigo	Electric shock	Worker leant across a conveyor and made contact with a cracked circuit breaker.
	Cheltenham	Fractured wrist	Worker was dragged into a film splicer.
	Dandenong	Back and hip injury	Worker fell down stairs.
June 13	West Footscray	Near miss	Vapours ignited by static discharge while solvent was being dispensed from a bowser.
	Diamond Creek	Near miss	Fuel spill.
June 14	Cerberus	Shoulder injury	Employee slipped on stairs.
	Port Melbourne	Near miss	Gantry crane was lowering a steel plate when the cable broke.
	Airport West	Lacerated fingers	Worker slipped and fell onto cutting machine.
June 15	Noble Park	Near miss	Gas leak and flame while using from LPG shrink wrap gun.
	Morwell	Lacerated finger	Worker pulled drop saw onto his hand while cutting aluminium.
	Dandenong South	Near miss	Overhead crane cable snapped while carrying coil.
	Hallam	Back injury	Employee entering production area fell after she was struck by a pallet being removed from the shrink wrapper by a forklift.
June 18	Laverton North	Burns to face and hands	Contractor sustained flash burns while he was investigating an electrical fault in an electrical cabinet in the control room
	Morwell	Crush injury to finger	Employee jammed finger when opening doors on truck.
	Moorlap	Fractured wrist	Worker walked backwards into stairs and fell.
June 19	Laverton	Induced coma. Injuries unknown	Worker in a coma following a workplace incident.
	Dandenong South	Crushed injury to foot	Forklift raising container caught the lip of the ramp which then dropped on a worker's foot.
	Warrnambool	Lacerated finger	Aluminium sheets slipped and cut finger of worker not wearing gloves.
	Lilydale	Near miss	Compressor caught fire.
	Cobden	Finger injury	Employee asked fork lift driver to help secure container door. His finger caught in the door latch when the forklift was pushing the door closed.
June 20	Noble Park	Suspected fractured finger	Component slipped as employee was using a hoist to do a dye insert change on an injection moulding machine.
	Williamstown	Electric shock	Apprentice boilermaker received an electric shock.

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	Cheltenham	Partial amputation of finger	Employee operating an automatic folder clamped his finger when operating the final lockdown.
June 21	Mitcham	Crush injury to fingertip	Worker caught his finger in a down pipe forming machine.
	Williamstown	Electric shock	Apprentice welding two copper-nickel pipes together and another worker stud welding nearby felt electric tingles.
	Kilsyth	Finger injury	Worker hit his finger with a hammer while stamping metal objects.
	Kyabram	Near miss	Two forklifts were slinging a load when the wheels of the lead forklift sunk into soft ground and tipped onto a parked vehicle.
	Sunshine West	Ankle injury	A load of timber shifted while being loaded onto a truck by a forklift. Part of the load fell from the truck and hit the truck driver who was standing nearby.
	Hallam	Fractured finger and lacerated fingers	Worker caught in guillotine.
June 22	Campbellfield	Partial amputation of finger	Employee caught his finger in a copper bar bending machine when his foot activated the machine.
	Port Melbourne	Near miss	Gas leak caused evacuation of building.
	Lynbrook	Lacerated finger	Employee was cutting a board using a panel saw.
	Sunshine	Fractured finger	A pack of steel moved and hit employee's finger while he was lowering the pack with a dual carriage gantry crane.
	Campbellfield	Near miss	Fire caused by heat build up in a wood dust collector.

Logistics

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 8	Lara	Lacerated hand	Maintenance worker caught his hand when he shut the cowl on an aircraft engine.
June 12	Pakenham	Near miss	Ammonia leak in cold storage caused evacuation and site shutdown.
	Corio	Near miss	Stud fell approx. 10m from furnace.
	Braeside	Lacerated foot	Contractor moving a pallet with a powered pallet mover in a cold store was hit by a load being moved by a forklift.
June 13	Ferntree Gully	Lacerated head	Scaffold across entrance fell and struck employee during delivery of goods to premises.
June 14	West Melbourne	Near miss	A container lifting device was performing a lift when part of the device broke and fell approx. 25m.
	Port Melbourne	Back injury	Worker was moving pallets.
	Rowville	Crush injury to hand	Workers were lifting a pallet truck when a bracket moved and jammed the hand of one of the workers.
June 15	Wendouree	Crush injury to finger	Worker's finger crushed by a scissor clamp when he activated machinery. He thought he had removed the clamp.
June 18	Corio	Suspected back injury	Employee descending warehouse steps missed last step and felt discomfort when he landed at ground level.
June 19	North Geelong	Electric shock and burns to hand and foot	Truck driver who stopped to investigate the truck trailer lifting in transit sustained electric shock when the trailer contacted power lines.
	Warrnambool	Ankle injury	Worker on a safety step lost balance and stepped back when he was unloading a part from racking.
	Corio	Arm injury	Scaffold tube slid down factory wall and struck worker while he was cleaning a furnace.
June 20	Port Melbourne	Near miss	Forklift struck trailer and support trestle while loading container. Trailer tipped over when the forklift released the load.
	Waurm Ponds	Near miss	Sledge hammer fell one level onto a platform supporting

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			an observer for a confined space entry.
	Dandenong	Exposure to fumes	Employee reported burning in throat and oesophagus while welding formwork.
	Warrnambool	Lacerated forearm	Employee working with knife.
June 21	Port Melbourne	Hip injury	Worker slipped while standing on a series of paper bales being lifted out of a ship.
June 22	Corio	Near miss	Flashback caused explosion of vapour knock out pot used to collect liquid.
	Heidelberg West	Fractured ribs	Worker fell while climbing in/out of truck.
	Wendururee	Lacerated face	Worker was hit by a piece of metal slag.

Meat

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 18	Warrnambool	Fractured finger	Employee caught finger in a sliding door.
June 21	Colac	Lacerated finger	Employee cut finger while trimming fat from meat. He wasn't wearing a mesh glove.
June 22	Warrnambool	Lacerated forearm	Employee placed his arm in the way of a knife while opening a sheep leg.

Food

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 8	Mansfield	Injuries unknown	Forklift struck and ran over worker.
June 12	Mitchell Park	Eye injury	Employee splashed caustic soda while cleaning fryer.
	Yarraville	Fractured fingers	Employee's fingers crushed between doors of a refrigerator while opening a stuck door.
June 20	South Yarra	Lacerated finger	Chef cut finger when cleaning a slicer.

Retail/Trade

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 8	Korumburra	Lacerated arm	Knife slipped when employee cutting meat at butcher shop.
	Melbourne	Dislocated shoulder	Contractor tripped and fell while servicing escalator.
	Mulgrave	Fractures and injuries to feet	Worker fell from ladder while cleaning window.
June 12	Tullamarine	Fractured wrist	Worker taking a carton of stock from a pallet, tripped and fell onto concrete floor.
	Dandenong	Knee injury	Employee slipped and fell down stairs.
June 13	Campbellfield	Lacerated hand	Employee injured while removing a trimmer box from shelf.
June 14	Melton	Exposure to gas	Gas leak at rear of premises
	Watsonia	Near miss	Leak from LP gas dispenser.
	Warracknabeal	Ankle injury	Employee jumped out of vehicle and landed on cement edging.
	North Geelong	Lacerated thumb	Employee's glove caught in bench saw.
June 15	Dandenong South	Fractured arms	Forklift driver tripped over a piece of strapping on a palletised pack while walking between the packs.
June 18	Mitcham	Fractured ribs	Roll cage being pushed by an employee hit a customer and caused him to fall.
	Warrnambool	Finger injury	Worker over inflated trolley tyre. Rim hit worker's hand.
June 19	Glenrowan	Near miss	Leak from LPG hose.

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	Melbourne	Fractured ankle	Employee of stallholder was run over by forklift driven by an employee of another stall.
	Mill Park	Fractured nose	Seventy-six-year old customer tripped on the expansion joint at the exit of a store and fell.

Agriculture/Horticulture

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
June 8	Portarlington	Fractured ankle	Employee hit by falling branch while trimming tree.
June 12	Woodwood	Lacerated finger	Farm hand pruning without gloves cut finger with secateurs.
June 14	Delacombe	Fractured foot	Employee operating a walk behind forklift, tripped on a pallet and caught her foot between the forklift and another pallet.
	Moondarra	Shoulder injury	Driver injured when his logging truck slid and rolled onto its side.
June 15	Wangaratta	Fractured toe	Employee was moving cattle from a pen when the hinge on a gate broke and the gate fell on his feet.
June 18	Glen Waverley	Suspected fractured leg	Employee struck by lower limb of tree he was cutting.
June 22	Wangaratta	Unknown injuries	Logging truck rolled over.

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