

Reported incidents



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Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox there have been 22 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
4/10/13	Geelong	Laceration	Employee shot a nail into his finger while using nail gun on a timber frame.
4/10/13	Melbourne	Laceration	Employee dropped a sink he was carrying, lacerating his leg.
8/10/13	Footscray	Laceration	Employee was lifting the end of a concrete sleeper back onto a timber packer, jamming his thumb.
8/10/13	Ballarat	Fracture	Employee was standing on the rail of a tip truck to sling and secure a load when he lost his balance and fell approximately one metre, fracturing his ankle.
8/10/13	Bundoora	Laceration	Employee was using a circular saw when a wind gust unbalanced him, causing his finger to contact the moving blade.
8/10/13	Greensborough	Near miss	Concrete truck ran over a gas up-stand pipe and caused a gas leak.
8/10/13	Melbourne	Concussion, bruising	Employee hit by a slewing excavator.
09/10/13	Burwood	Near miss	A metal sheet fell down onto a street through a 30ml gap between a concrete slab and an alley mac.
09/10/13	Echuca	Unknown	Employee was inside a building for a demolition job when a metal roof truss (approximately 120kg) fell onto his shoulder.
09/10/13	Hawthorn	Near miss	Scaffold plank was tied to a shade cloth when some wind blew it off the fourth floor of a building site.
09/10/13	Melbourne	Electric shock	Employee received an electric shock when he plugged a lead into the switchboard.
09/10/13	Shepparton	Laceration	Employee amputated tip of thumb with grinder. When he turned it on accidentally
10/10/13	Bairnsdale	Amputation	Employee amputated his finger with drop saw.
10/10/13	Melbourne	Near miss	While scaffolding was being removed an employee fell approximately 1.5m from a platform.
10/10/13	Ballarat	Laceration	Employee slipped and hit his chin on the back of a wheel barrow he was pushing.
11/10/13	Melbourne	Heart attack	Concreter was undertaking patching works when he had a suspected heart attack.
11/10/13	Melbourne	Amputation	Employee jammed his finger between two pipes while loading them into a vehicle.
15/10/13	Melbourne	Near miss	A steel post fell three metres while being moved from the first floor to the ground.

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16/10/13	Melbourne	Near miss	A metal stud (approximately three metres long) fell 29 storeys, landed in a tree opposite the site and then fell further to the ground.
17/10/13	Cranbourne	Bruising	High winds blew a sheet of ply from a three storey building, striking an employee's legs.
17/10/13	Bendigo	Amputation	Wind blew a construction site door closed onto an employee's fingers.

Mining

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14/10/13	Morwell	Laceration	Employee was using a sander when it kicked back and struck his forearm.