

# Reported incidents



20 March 2012

In the past two weeks there have been 90 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These included seven fractures, 29 lacerations, four electric shocks and three finger tip amputations.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
3 Mar 2012	Morwell	Caustic soda exposure	A worker was hosing down an area with a caustic substance that splashed on his forehead and ran down into his eye.
4 Mar 2012	West Melbourne	Surgery to unblock an artery in the leg	A worker was winding wire rope onto a winch under a two tonne tension load when the winch pulled out of the ground and struck worker in the leg.
5 Mar 2012	Airport West	Laceration to middle finger.	A worker lacerated his finger using a bandsaw.
5 Mar 2012	Wodonga	Crushed right foot	A worker was lifting a 900kg coil with an overhead crane when the load over-balanced and crushed his right foot.
5 Mar 2012	Lara	Laceration to thumb	A worker was cleaning a lathe and a piece of scrap metal cut through his glove and lacerated his thumb.
5 Mar 2012	Dandenong South	Caustic soda exposure	Two workers came into contact with caustic soda when cleaning out a mixer machine
5 Mar 2012	Sea Lake	Electric shock	A worker was adjusting the volume on a pallet wrapping machine, when he received a shock.
6 Mar 2012	Morwell	Laceration to right palm	A worker was lifting a form from a press and cut his right palm.
6 Mar 2012	West Melbourne	Leg injury	A worker received a serious leg injury r after being hit by a 1.5 tonne winch.
7 Mar 2012	Campbellfield	Soft tissue injury	Forklift shunted a stillage stand forward and the stock fell onto a worker.
7 Mar 2012	Meeniyah	Amputation of four fingers on right hand	A workers hand got hand caught in a roller mill.
7 Mar 2012	Derrimut	Laceration to finger	A worker was cutting aluminium with a cutter and cut his middle finger on the aluminium.
7 Mar 2012	Epsom	Laceration to hand	A worker was holding a spanner next to steel trusses when his hand slipped and he received a laceration to left hand.
7 Mar 2012	Springvale	Bruising	A trolley struck a worker in hip when a forklift made contact with an aluminium trolley.
7 Mar 2012	Colac	Laceration to right hand fingers	A worker was inserting a chip breaker into the plant when a blade on another part of the plant cut his fingers.
8 Mar 2012	Blackburn	Crushed fingers on left hand	A worker was testing a pizza roller machine with the safety guard deactivated his hand became caught in the roller.
8 Mar	Lynbrook6	Amputated finger tip	A worker caught his finger on a bandsaw blade and the tip

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2012			of his finger was cut off.
8 Mar 2012	South Melbourne		A forklift clipped the cantilever racking, causing 10 six metre lengths of aluminium to fall.
8 Mar 2012	Dandenong	Fractured/lacerated left middle finger	A worker was using a drill press to rebores holes in a flange held in a drill clamp. The clamp was not fixed to the drill platform and the drill spun the clamp and flange, catching the operator's fingers.
8 Mar 2012	Dandenong	Laceration to left hand	A worker was moving a sheet of metal when he cut the back of his left hand.
8 Mar 2012	Horsham	Laceration	A worker using an air operated grinder received a cut when the air reel retracted
8 Mar 2012	White Hills	N/A	Driver was delivering sand/gravel and the truck has tipped over.
9 Mar 2012	Bendigo	Laceration and crushing to middle finger tip	A worker placed his hand behind a conveyor while it was moving and got a finger caught between the moving conveyor belt and the conveyor housing.
9 Mar 2012	Morwell	Electric shock	A worker was using an overhead crane and came in contact with refiner and received a small electrical tingle.
9 Mar 2012	Gisborne	Laceration to finger	A worker was packaging the coupler at the test jib and cut his finger.
10 Mar 2012	Nagambie	Fractured arm	A worker's arm was caught by the rotating arm in a fermenting tank.
13 Mar 2012	Sunshine	Laceration to head	A worker was moving a pallet in the cool room when he slipped and knocked his head on the ground.
13 Mar 2012	Reservoir	N/A	A stack of four large cardboard boxes, each weighing 280 kilos, collapsed.
13 Mar 2012	Campbellfield	Bruising to foot	The rear wheel of a forklift made contact with a worker's right foot (worker).
13 Mar 2012	Spotswood	Chemical splash	Some chemical splashed into workers left eye.
14 Mar 2012	Newlyn	Laceration to right hand	A worker received a cut to his right hand from an angle grinder.
14 Mar 2012	Vermont	Unknown	A worker was struck on the lower right leg by a reversing forklift.
14 Mar 2012	Sandringham	Lacerated right wrist, severed tendons	A worker lacerated his right wrist with a nine inch grinder.
14 Mar 2012	Bendigo	N/A	A fire started in the straw shed.
15 Mar 2012	Docklands	Electric shock - left hand	A forklift worker received an electric shock while operating the forklift.
15 Mar 2012	Campbellfield	Possible crush injury to chest	A worker was struck by a reversing forklift.
16 Mar 2012	Lara	Cut palm of hand	A worker cut the palm of his hand using a Stanley knife.
16 Mar 2012	Fitzroy	Fatality	N/A
17 Mar 2012	Bairnsdale	Fractured right foot	A worker was putting away some equipment onto racking when a piece of equipment fell from a lower rack shelf and landed on his foot.
17 Mar 2012	Dandenong South	N/A	A worker was using an excavator to squash a tank when the excavator rolled.
19 Mar 2012	Colac	Laceration to right hand requiring three stitches	A worker was assembling a 1000 litre peloton. One of the handles had a bracket sticking out and cutting the worker's right hand.
19 Mar 2012	Ascot	Dislocated right knee	An apprentice sat on a chair during his morning tea break, when his right knee dislocated.
19 Mar 2012	Dandenong South	Deep laceration to left finger	A worker was pulling a spring out of an axle within the jib section when the other side of the spring fell and squashed his finger.

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**Logistics**

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
3 Mar 2012	Hoppers Crossing	Fractured fibula	A worker slipped off the loading dock and landed between the dock and a container.
5 Mar 2012	Shepparton	Suspected broken nose	A worker was struck on the head by a chain when attempting to lift a pit grate using a forklift.
5 Mar 2012	Barnawartha	N/A	A forklift operator bumped racking when putting product away and pallet tipped over.
6 Mar 2012	West Melbourne	Fractured skull	A worker was climbing stairs in loading bay when a forklift clipped the staircase causing staircase to fall over and worker to fall six feet to the ground striking his head.
7 Mar 2012	McKinnon	Laceration/tendon damage	A delivery driver was undoing binding/dog chain which spun and jammed his right finger against load.
7 Mar 2012	Wendouree	Laceration	Worker was using a sander when it slipped off the job he was doing nicked the inside of his left knee.
8 Mar 2012	Laverton North	Partial amputation of tip of small finger	A worker caught his finger when lifting a pallet jack that had turned on its side during the loading process.
9 Mar 2012	Brooklyn	N/A	A shipping container fell 30 metres from top of a stack into a car park landing on top of a large waste bin.
9 Mar 2012	Eltham	Fractured jaw	A worker was struck by a piece of steel.
10 Mar 2012	Laverton	Laceration	A worker received a laceration above right eye when a glass bottle smashed and a piece of glass struck him.
13 Mar 2012	Barnawartha	N/A	A forklift was removing a pallet from four metre high racking when the side shifted and two cases fell to the ground.
13 Mar 2012	Bayswater	Electric shock	A worker was untangling a chain from a pendant control cable using a metal device which pierced the cable, touching the live wire and he receive a jolt of electricity.
14 Mar 2012	Sunshine	N/A	A train collided with a vehicle at a protected level crossing.
14 Mar 2012	Horsham	Laceration to scalp and fractured left shoulder	A worker was driving a truck when she was involved in a motor vehicle accident.
15 Mar 2012	Wangaratta	Split forehead	A worker was unloading a truck, pulled back the curtain and loosened the straps. A steel bar struck him on the forehead.
16 Mar 2012	Laverton	N/A	A worker was struck by a forklift.

**Meat**

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
6 Mar 2012	Brooklyn	Laceration to finger on right hand	A worker was cutting lamb shanks on the saw and 'nicked' his right hand finger.
9 Mar 2012	Bentleigh East	Laceration to right hand	A 58-year -old worker lacerated his right hand in a meat tenderiser machine.
13 Mar 2012	Warrnambool	N/A	LPG leaked from a 210 kl decanting cylinder used for forklifts when the pump came away from the cylinder.

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<b>Food</b>			
<b>Date*</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Injury details</b>	<b>Incident description</b>
5 Mar 2012	Colac	Loss of consciousness	Worker was found lying on ground unconscious.
5 Mar 2012	Geelong	Crush injury	A worker was putting pastry through a pastry sheeter and trapped her right hand in the machine.
6 Mar 2012	Dandenong	N/A	A worker was closing the automatic roller door when a two kg component came loose and fell two metres.
6 Mar 2012	Shepparton	Laceration	A worker has cut finger on the empty lid race.
7 Mar 2012	Truganina	Back injury	A worker fell over in the production room, landing on his back.
7 Mar 2012	Shepparton	Laceration above left eye	A worker was disconnecting a pump when the hose flicked up and struck him just above the left eye.
8 Mar 2012	Clayton	N/A	A fire started in a commercial oven when the heat exchanger failed and the fan belt and insulation burnt.
9 Mar 2012	Shepparton	N/A	A four-inch stainless steel bung vibrated loose and dropped five metres onto the operator's platform.

<b>Retail/Trade</b>			
<b>Date*</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Injury details</b>	<b>Incident description</b>
5 Mar 2012	Highett	Laceration to top of head	A worker dropped money in front of safe and as she bent down to pick it up she struck her head on the corner of the safe.
7 Mar 2012	Epping	Suspected disc damage in back	A worker was sliding/lifting a box containing a motor cycle and received immediate pain in the back.
9 Mar 2012	Kensington	Ligament strain to knee.	A worker climbed up on the side of a dumpster to press rubbish down and it gave way and he twisted his knee.
9 Mar 2012	Melbourne	Unconscious	A worker was in the security control room when she fainted and lost consciousness.
13 Mar 2012	Echuca	Laceration to the cornea - right eye	A 29-year-old was emptying rubbish into a skip bin when a piece of rubbish flew back into his eye.
13 Mar 2012	Toorak	Laceration to the left hand	Worker was preparing baguettes when she cut her left hand. She received three stitches.
14 Mar 2012	Stanhope	Stab wound to upper thigh	A worker slipped while holding a knife resulting in a stab wound to upper thigh.
15 Mar 2012	Taylors Lakes	Laceration to left hand stitches required	A worker was cutting cardboard with a retractable safety knife and cut her hand.
16 Mar 2012	Springvale	Allergic reaction	A worker inhaled embalming fluid and received an allergic reaction.
17 Mar 2012	Broadmeadows	N/A	A bottle of lemonade fell on a worker from a fourth level storage shelving unit.
17 Mar 2012	Barnawartha	No injuries	A worker on a forklift clipped racking whilst putting products away and knocked a box of bananas fell about three metres to the ground.
17 Mar 2012	Yarraville	Twisted wrist	A worker was unlocking a DVD and twisted her wrist.
17 Mar 2012	Albert Park	Lacerated left little finger	A food and beverage attendant was polishing champagne glasses when the stem broke lacerating her left little finger.
18 Mar 2012	Moorabool	Unconscious	A cellar hand was found unconscious on the concrete pad area around the swap tanks. He was using no hazardous

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## Agriculture

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
8 Mar 2012	Ardmona	Arm injury	A workers arm was caught in a walnut picking machine.
9 Mar 2012	Hawkesdale	Bruising and swelling to knee	A worker was riding a motorbike and hit a tree.
9 Mar 2012	Hamilton	Fractured cheek bone	A worker was operating a post driver when a lever flipped up and hit him in the face.
9 Mar 2012	Pakenham	Laceration right forearm	A worker was loading cattle and a cow kicked the through gate and it swung back hitting the worker's arm.
14 Mar 2012	Mooroopna	Lacerations of left hand	A truck driver's hand was lacerated after a load was shifted from a moving forklift.
14 Mar 2012	Orbost	Amputation of right thumb joint	A worker was auguring grain into a silo when his slipped and the auger caught his hand amputating the first joint of his right hand thumb.

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