

Reported incidents

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Since the last newsletter there were 77 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These include 26 lacerations, seven fractures and three crush injuries.

Manufacturing			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20.3	Epsom	Dislocated knee	Young worker dislocated his knee while sitting during a lunch break.
	Dromana	Sprained ankle and possible broken foot	Worker fell backwards while climbing and injured himself when he landed.
	Barnawartha	No injuries	Forklift's tyres were being raised when they hit a pallet, causing it to become dislodged. The contents of the pallet fell into an aisle.
	Dandenong South	Broken foot	Worker was using a motorised trolley when the trolley started to reverse, running over his foot. Although the worker wore work boots, he sustained crush injuries to all five toes, one partially amputated.
	Corio	Hand injury	Worker's hands hit a concrete floor when he tripped.
	Hawthorn	Thigh laceration	Worker was walking on roof sheets when he stepped into a gap, approximately 150mm wide, between the edge of a roof sheet and the ridge line. His leg fell through the gap.
	Laverton	No injuries	Forklift operator was straightening pallets when a pallet on a stack next to him fell approximately three metres.
	Keilor Park	Crushed finger	Worker was assisting a co-worker removing an overhead guard from a forklift, when his finger became caught.
	Epping	No injuries	Worker was in an exclusion zone beneath a scissor lift when a scissor lift drove forward and struck another scissor lift. The scissor lift that was hit contained a worker elevated to seven metres.
	Myrtleford	Shoulder injury	Worker's clothing became caught in the shaft of a hop picking machine, pulling him back towards the machine. Co-worker pushed the emergency stop.
21.3	Dandenong South	Lip laceration	Worker missed his footing while climbing a step and fell.
	Braeside	Ruptured Achilles	Worker stepped onto a forklift and sustained an Achilles injury.
22.3	Frankston	Forehead laceration	Worker was using a grinder when a piece of metal filing struck him in the eye. He was wearing safety

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			glasses but did not have the welding helmet lid down.
	Moorabbin	Finger laceration	Young worker was cutting a piece of plastic on a bumper bar of car when the knife slipped.
	Campbellfield	Hand laceration	Worker was cutting fabric on a cutting machine when his hand became caught in the machine.
23.3	Braybrook	Facial bruising and possible chipped tooth	While descending a platform ladder, a worker lost his footing and slipped, landing on his face.
	Laverton North	No injuries	A forklift operator was unloading a truck when he manoeuvred forward without seeing a co-worker in close proximity. Another worker yelled to the operator to stop. The operator stopped the forklift but it made slight contact with the worker nearby.
	Braeside	Cracked ribs	Worker walked into a compactor while walking through a factory.
24.3	Werribee	No injuries	A fire occurred in a spray booth, having started near the diesel engine.
	Montrose	Facial injuries, shattered teeth, fractured cheekbone, fractured wrist	Worker stepped back off a six-foot platform ladder and missed a step, falling and landing on his face and arm.
25.3	Mooroopna	Head laceration	Worker was checking cans on a pallet. When he pulled a can out of the lower pallet, another can fell from the upper pallet and hit him on the head.
26.3	Braeside	Finger lacerations	Young worker was drilling into a sheet of metal when the drill grabbed the sheet, causing it to move.
27.3	Laverton North	No injuries	Part of an aluminium flashing on an onsite dryer building fell off the building.
	Southbank	Ear laceration	Apprentice was servicing a car when a spring flew up and made contact with his ear.
	Altona North	No injuries	A hook failed on a device that lifts car doors, resulting in a door falling approximately two metres. A worker was nearby.
	Altona North	Finger laceration	Worker was cleaning a pipe using a drill and wire brush attachment. His glove may have become caught in the brush, resulting in a laceration.
28.3	Southbank	Eyebrow laceration	Worker was hit on the eyebrow while servicing a machine.
	Williamstown	No injuries	Worker was welding inside a block with a tarp outside. A small hole was burned into the shell, setting the tarp on fire.
	Braeside	No injuries	A forklift driver was pulling a pallet when it dragged another pallet, causing it to fall 2.5 metres.
	Frankston	Finger laceration	Worker's finger became jammed while moving machinery.
29.3	Brunswick	Burn to hand	Worker was slipped on a step and grabbed a bitumen bath bar to stop his fall.
	Rowville	Leg laceration	Worker was on a mobile pallet mover, when it collided with a bollard.
	Rowville	Crushed leg	Worker was crushed between a transporter and a bollard.
	Hallam	Finger puncture	Worker was using a riveting machine, when he put his finger in the channel and a rivet fired into his finger.

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	Sunbury	Wrist laceration	Worker was cutting aluminium with an angle grinder, when the grinder caught the metal, and spun backwards.
	Altona North	Thumb amputation	Worker's thumb became caught in a conveyor, between a chain and a pusher.
	Dandenong South	Neck laceration and possible spinal injury	Worker was decanting waste material into a bin using a forklift with a rotating device. The contents became jammed and the worker attempted to dislodge them. The shift in weight caused the bin to hit the worker in the head.
	Officer	Thigh laceration	Worker was welding a rod when it came into contact with his thigh.
30.3	Truganina	Crushed thumb	Worker was operating a machine to bend a bar when he sustained a crush injury.
	Moorabbin	No injuries	Worker was unloading a truck but had not lowered the dock leveller beforehand. The forklift fell onto the back of the container.
	Dandenong	Neck injury	Worker tried to remove an object from a skip on a forklift, when something struck him on the back of the neck.
	Hampton Park	Unknown	Truck driver reversed into the cabin of another truck.

Logistics			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20.3	Laverton North	No injuries	Drum of voranate T-80 Type 1 TDI dangerous good leaked approximately 10kgs.
21.3	Knoxfield	Leg laceration, bruised chest	Truck driver fell from a 1.5m trailer while securing a load.
	Wangaratta	Wrist fracture	Worker stepped out of a cab of a backhoe in the rain and slipped, landing on his wrist.
	Knoxfield	Cracked rib	Truck driver stepped onto the tray of a truck to secure a load and slipped off the edge.
21.3	West Melbourne	No injuries	A shipping container forklift tipped. The operator escaped the cabin.
	Hallam	Finger lacerations	Worker operating a compo saw brushed his hand against a rotating blade.
23.3	Melbourne	Leg laceration and bruising	Worker was putting a steel frame together when he was struck on the leg by a steel upright.
24.3	Wodonga	Unknown	Truck driver noticed a pedestrian on the side of the road. He shifted the truck into the next lane but the pedestrian ran in front of the truck and was hit.
27.3	Dandenong	Eyeball laceration	Worker was cutting plastic wrapping with a knife in an upward motion, when he sustained an eyeball laceration.
	Camberwell	Dislocated finger	Worker was picking up a drill by the drill bit, when he pulled the trigger and his glove wrapped around the drill bit, dislocating his finger.
	Scoresby	Possible dislocated knee	Truck driver possibly sustained a knee injury while getting out of his truck and missing the steps.
28.3	Dandenong North	Broken finger	Truck driver fell asleep and crashed into a parked truck on the shoulder of an on/off ramp.
29.3	Knoxfield	Arm amputation	Truck driver's arm became trapped in a conveyor

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Meat

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21.3	Lockwood	Hand laceration	Worker was working on perforated giblet sorting bench. He apparently sustained a laceration as he brushed giblets across the bench top.
23.3	Moorabbin	Forehead laceration	Worker was moving a piece of meat floating in water with his knife.
29.3	Brooklyn	Finger laceration	Worker was using a bandsaw to cut meat, when he sustained a laceration.
	Somerville	Gas exposure	Young worker was in a spin chiller when she possibly became exposed to gas.

Food

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
21.3	Scoresby	Finger laceration	Worker was operating a cabin plant machine when he put his hand under the mesh guard to clean the applicator, while the machine was operating. His finger became caught between the applicator and the drum.
23.3	Docklands	Burns to both arms	Worker was cleaning a hot plate, when he sustained burns to both arms in a kitchen fire.
26.3	The Basin	Fractured knee	Worker slipped when lifting a bucket.
27.3	Beaufort	Thumb laceration	Worker sustained an injury while using a meat slicer.
30.3	Broadmeadows	Burned hand	Worker took a pan of rice out of an oven, when the pan apparently tipped, causing the hot rick to fall onto the worker's hand.

Retail/Trade

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
21.3	Bentleigh	Dislocated shoulder	Member of the public fell when she lost control of her wheeled walking frame while entering a store via an internal pedestrian ramp.
21.3	Tullamarine	Groin injury	Worker was trying to lift shelving through a half-opened door when his foot slipped.
23.3	Beaufort	Partial thumb amputation	Young worker was slicing meat when he slipped.
26.3	Docklands	Fractured leg	Worker slipped at a work function and landed on his ankle.
	Werribee	Facial burns	Worker was carrying a bucket filled with boiling water, while cleaning a floor, when it slipped out of her hand and hit the floor. The water splashed back into the worker's face.
	Craigieburn	Fractured wrist	Worker fell from a two-foot high machine to the ground.
	Clayton	Amputated finger and finger	Worker was using a kitchen panel saw machine when he sustained injuries.

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28.3	Yarra Glen	Leg laceration	Worker's leg made contact with pallets.

Agriculture/Horticulture			
Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
22.3	Wangaratta	Fractured cheek bone and nasal bones	Worker was moving cattle along a laneway towards the mousing crush, when a cow headed towards him. This caused a gate to hit the worker in the face.
23.3	Cobram	Possible neck injury	Worker fell approximately 1.5m off a fruit picking ladder.
28.3	Marcus Hill	Broken toe and dislocated toe	Worker was climbing out of a bin, when his foot became caught on the edge.
	Hurstbridge	Leg injury	Worker was cutting a tree stump, when he slipped, fell onto a chainsaw and clipped his leg.
30.3	Orbost	Fractured finger and hand	Worker stepped off a log, tripped and fell.

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