

# Notified incidents

**19 June 2012**

Since the last edition there have been 77 incidents reported to WorkSafe Victoria from the construction, utility, quarrying and mining industries. These included one fatality, 14 lacerations, 10 fractures and seven electric shocks. Below is a summary of these incidents.

Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
<b>4 June</b>		
Carlton	Dislocated/broken shoulder	A truck driver was struck by formwork that fell from his truck. He had been standing on the other side of the truck as the formwork was being loaded by a forklift.
South Melbourne	Crush injury to hand	A rigger in work box suspended from a crane injured his hand when putting the climbing frame onto the crane.
South Morang	Leg injury	Worker struck by a bucket that fell off an excavator.
Boneo	Lacerated finger	Contractor caught his finger while fitting a collar between pipes in an excavation.
Melbourne	Electric shock	Worker was pulling conduits in a ceiling space.
Bannockburn	Lacerated leg	Worker fell on roofing sheets lying on the ground.
Hoppers Crossing	Lacerated hand	Worker using circular saw to cut timber.
Toorak	Broken arm	Carpenter put his arm out to brace himself when his chair collapsed in the lunch room.
Lara	Back injury	Contractor fell from a pitched roof while fixing a leak.
<b>5 June</b>		
Brooklyn	Amputated finger and lacerated fingers	Contractor was using a drop saw.
Bundoora	Near miss	A counterweight slipped and fell from a mobile crane during a slinging operation by precast contractors to set up the crane.
Warrnambool	Electric shock and burns	Contractor received a shock and burns from flames when he pulled a globe from an extension lead to turn off a light.
Williamstown	Broken toes	Worker erecting scaffolding caught his foot in the hole of a mesh grate.

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Long Gully	Lacerated head	Apprentice carpenter was removing wooden stakes from the ground. One snapped and hit him in the head.
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Mulgrave	Near miss	Gas leak from split in pipe joint. Split caused by connection point dropping during rain.
Tullamarine	Near miss	Hammer fell off the quickhitch of an excavator.
Campbellfield	Lacerated head and finger	Worker struck by metal tubing when it slipped while he was moving it.
Anakie	Lacerated head	Worker was doing rectification work to a valve. He was hit by a spool when the shackle failed on the backhoe being used to lift the spool in place.
Port Melbourne	Near miss	Worker cut through high voltage cable.
Flinders	Near miss	Truck carting excavated material overturned on the way to the tip.
Southbank	Eye injury	Plastering contractor sustained eye injury.
Laverton North	Minor injuries	Forklift tipped over while removing 500kg beams from a truck.
West Melbourne	Chemical burns to legs	Male worker got concrete in his boots during pour.
Mildura	Near miss	Operator backed road roller into power pole and broke power line.
Collingwood	Lacerated hand	Angle grinder grabbed and jumped back while worker was cutting steel.
St Kilda	Near miss	Boundary wall being built with concrete blocks collapsed onto the roof of adjoining shops after a gust of wind.
Victoria Harbour	Near miss	Concrete pieces fell eight stories. The concrete was dislodged when a worker was hammering a starter bar into the edge of a slab.
Mt Waverley	Back injury	Contractor cleaning gutters of house slipped on flashing and fell 2.6m through polycarbonate roof sheeting.
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Brunswick	Lacerated hand	Worker was moving a precast panel prop.

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Wendouree	Electric shock	Electrician working on a plant deck came into contact with a live circuit that had not been fitted off.
Ferntree Gully	Fractured finger	Drill caught when worker was drilling into concrete footing.
St Kilda	Near miss	Materials hoist moved up automatically while being loaded. The control box was found to be full of rain water.
Heidelberg	Amputation of fingertip	Worker was changing fan belts on an air handling unit when his finger was caught in a belt pulley.
<b>8 June</b>		
Port Melbourne	Fractured finger	Pit lid fell on worker while working at a power substation.
Broadmeadows	Head injury	Worker slipped on floor and hit his head.
Southbank	Near miss	Dowel bar fell approx 24m onto the roof of a material hoist, bounced off and landed in the dropzone.
Moonee Ponds	Injury not known	Workersuffered dizziness and nausea on the way to a site shed.
Melbourne	Lacerated arm	Worker was removing a lift motor on top of the lift shafts. The chain from chain block hit his arm when released.
Dandenong	Near miss	Fire started in an abandoned underground fuel tank being removed by an excavator with a ripper attachment.
Fitzroy	Fractured arm	Worker removing a roller shutter was struck by a wall bracket when it gave way.
Southbank	Near miss	As excavator being used to locate a gas main during sewer replacement works damaged the gas main.
Parkville	Electric shock	Electrician contacted a live cable while running new cables.
Tullamarine	Electric shock	Worker was changing a circuit on a switchboard.
Shepparton	Fractured ankle	Linesman working on a communication pole fell from ladder while descending.
Upwey	Back injury	Worker carrying a drop saw slipped and fell on muddy slope.

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<b>12 June</b>		
Corio	Near miss	Scaffold clip fell approx 4m.
Donvale	Near miss	Worker fell into excavation.
Fawkner	Elbow injury	Worker jarred elbow when he struck a piece of metal sheet while shoveling concrete.
Wallington	Near miss	Truck delivering crushed rock ran into power pole causing adjacent pole and power lines to fall.
Hillside	Lacerated thumb	Worker carrying ladder up stairs to work area fell when he tripped over a child.
Warragul	Lacerated forehead	Worker unloading at site hit by a piece of wood which was flicked up by the load as it landed.
<b>13 June</b>		
Doncaster East	Broke nose and dislocated shoulder	Worker fell when step ladder slipped from under him.
Woodend	Fractured eye socket and pelvis injury	Shopfitter hit by spring mechanism while removing door frame.
Berwick	Electric shock	Contractor was pulling electrical lead out of power board when he contacted a pin that had remained in the socket after it had broken off another plug.
Waurin Ponds	Electric shock	Contractor hit live cable when he drilled into a roof structure.
South Yarra	Near miss	Jib of crane truck delivering timber to site hit power lines when the operator was distracted.
Bayswater	Lacerated legs	Employee standing beside his company vehicle was run over when he turned the ignition key to check the fuel level.
<b>14 June</b>		
Oakleigh South	Fatality	Worker fell from factory roof.
Armadale	Ankle injury	Worker slipped as he climbed down ladder.
Port Melbourne	Near miss	Pipe expanded and cracked concrete panel during charging.
Yallourn	Electric shock	Contractor handled live electrical cable which had been left out overnight.

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Sale	Near miss	Build up of gas ignited while worker was using a grinder on a pipe.
Wantirna	Near miss	Workers unloading house trusses from a truck. The load has shifted and pulled trusses on top of them.
Mornington	Head injury	Worker doing roofing work fell approx 2m onto concrete.
<b>15 June</b>		
Morwell	Epileptic fit	Male worker had epileptic fit at work.
Mulgrave	Near miss	Eighty tonne crane tipped over while lifting steel trusses.
White Hills	Finger injury	Old injury aggravated when worker was breaking up some packs.
Williams Landing	Near miss	Unrestrained concrete panels fell off the back of a truck when the driver did a u-turn.
Broadmeadows	Fractured ankle	Contractor carrying rubbish rolled his ankle when he stepped off a concrete slab onto crushed rock.
Lynbrook	Back injury	Worker tripped on mat, hit his chair and then landed on his back.
<b>Mining</b>		
Hazelwood	Near miss	Contractor lost control of a haul truck on a wet haul road. The truck slide off the road and rolled over.
Mount Clear	Fractured leg	Worker struck by a delivery hose.
Fosterville	Near miss	Fire and smoke involving a truck.
Fosterville	Lacerated thumb, neck and shoulder injuries.	Worker hit by rock falling from face while he was inspecting bore holes.
Hazelwood	Near miss	Collision between dredge discharge boom and hopper hand rail.
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Traralgon	Partial amputation of finger	Worker was doing maintenance work on a dredge.