

Reported incidents

19 November 2013

Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox, there have been 31 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
1 Nov	Frankston	Near miss	An excavator struck a gas pipe.
1 Nov	Springvale	Laceration	Laceration caused by steel cap boot, while employee was assisting with lifting concrete.
1 Nov	Strathmore	Puncture	Employee walking with a nail gun in his hand, accidentally pulled the trigger, causing nail gun to shoot into leg.
4 Nov	Preston	Laceration	Employee cut his hand while cutting a timber groove when he made contact with a blade while pushing the end of the timber.
4 Nov	Greensborough	Vertigo	A concrete truck drove over a hump, causing the driver to bounce around in the cabin and fall ill.
4 Nov	Coburg	Laceration	Employee lacerated his hand when he struck his finger with a rubber mallet.
6 Nov	Geelong	Spinal injury	Employee was climbing up a ladder; she slipped and fell to the ground. Resulted in two fractured spinal columns.
7 Nov	Frankston	Head and leg injuries	Employee fell 10m out of a tree; the tree fell on top of him.
7 Nov	Werribee	Near miss	A genie boom reversed behind an excavator while an excavator was tracking backwards.
7 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	An electric boom was traveling along a narrow area. While the boom was travelling, it became stuck, and dropped eight inches.
7 Nov	Maryborough	Broken ankle	Employee fell and broke his ankle, when a crane remote control was accidentally switched on.
7 Nov	Hamilton	Laceration	Employee got wedged between a trailer and a post. The trailer moved and caused a severe gash to his leg, crushing his knee.
8 Nov	Bendigo	Laceration	While an employee was constructing chicken pens, he stepped into a piece of steel and lacerated his knee.
11 Nov	Box Hill	Puncture	Employee was installing roof trusses and fixing metal bracing with a coil gun, when a nail rebounded into his eye.

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S11 Nov	Parkdale	Fracture	Employee fractured his hand while using a drill to screw and secure a sheet of villa board into a ceiling joist.
11 Nov	Bayside	Laceration	Employee was cutting an access hatch in a plaster ceiling with a grinder when the grinder caught on some steel framing and kicked back into his shoulder.
11 Nov	Glen Waverley	Laceration	Employee lacerated his left forefinger on a hoop iron.
11 Nov	Melbourne	Laceration	Employee tripped over and struck his head and nose against a wall.
11 Nov	Melbourne	Near miss	A concrete screening tool was leaning against a handrail. When it fell eight levels into an exclusion zone, through a gap between the rail and screen.
11 Nov	Murray Valley	Bruising	Employee was struck in the chest by a concrete part.
11 Nov	Craigieburn	Laceration	Employee hit his toes with a power saw.
11 Nov	Wyndham Vale	Near miss	A mobile light tower struck overhead high voltage powerlines.
12 Nov	Ballarat	Fracture	Employee tripped and fell over a lip on concrete ground, fell to the ground and fractured both elbows.
13 Nov	Yarraville	Eye injury	Employee injured his eye while grinding copper.
13 Nov	Port Fairy	Laceration	Employee lacerated his finger while taking down scaffolds.
14 Nov	Melbourne	Electric shock	Two employees received electric shocks while installing lights.
14 Nov	Melbourne	Laceration	Employee was removing glass on a frame with a scissor lift when the glass cracked and shattered and broken glass became stuck in his leg.
14 Nov	Wangaratta	Fracture	Employee hit his left finger with a hammer while assembling a frame.

Mining

Date	Industry	Injury description	Incident summary
1 Nov	Mine	Electric shock	Employee suffered an electric shock while plugging in pump.
14 Nov	Mine	Electric shock	Employee suffered an electric shock while changing a pump over a bore mill.