

# Reported incidents



6 March 2012

In the past two weeks there have been 91 incidents reported to WorkSafe in the manufacturing, logistics, meat, food, agriculture and retail/trade industries.

These included 33 lacerations, seven fractures, six electric shocks, six burns and six crush injuries.

<b>Manufacturing</b>			
<b>Date*</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Injury details</b>	<b>Incident description</b>
18 Feb 2012	Campbellfield	Fractured right leg and dislocated ankle	A forklift knocked two stacked bales of paper and one fell onto a worker.
19 Feb 2012	Portland	N/A	A leak occurred on a storage tank holding pitch material.
20 Feb 2012	Redcliffs	Burns	A worker received chemical burns when a mixture of peroxide with sodium hydroxide reacted and burst a sealed hose.
20 Feb 2012	Truganina	Eye injury	A forklift hose cracked and sprayed hydraulic oil into workers eyes.
20 Feb 2012	Murrumbeena	Laceration to fingers	A worker was cutting up an old tank and cut his fingers with a rotary hacksaw.
20 Feb 2012	Sunshine	Fractured leg	A case of aluminium extrusion weighing over 200kgs fell on a workers leg.
20 Feb 2012	Koroit	Concussion	A worker bumped his head on a filling machine as he was lifting a bag.
20 Feb 2012	Dandenong South	Laceration	A worker was repairing a semi trailer roof when the coaming fell and struck him on the head.
21 Feb 2012	Thomastown	Burns	A worker was changing a valve on a 2000 litre hot water boiler when the valve came out and he was burnt by the steam.
22 Feb 2012	Fawkner	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock from a printing machine lead.
22 Feb 2012	Moolap	Laceration to fingers	A worker cut his fingers on a panel saw when the timber grabbed.
22 Feb 2012	Noble Park	N/A	An excavator struck power lines which fell to the ground.
22 Feb 2012	Campbellfield	Crush injury	A worker's fingers were caught under a pneumatic pressing device.
22 Feb 2012	Mitcham	Fractured little finger	Worker jammed little finger between a fibreglass pool and brick wall.
23 Feb 2012	Keysborough	Laceration	A workers hand was cut as he installed a load bar on a conveyor line.
23 Feb 2012	Tullamarine	Bruising to left wrist	An overhead tracking system did not lock into place and the slider came off and dropped 2.5 metres onto workers wrist.
24 Feb	Laverton North	Burns	A driver released the radiator cap when his front end loader

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2012			started to overheat and the hot steam burned him.
25 Feb 2012	Carrum downs	Lacerations	While moving a box the metal strap sprang and stuck worker.
26 Feb 2012	Laverton North	Crushed fingers	Crane drivers fingers were caught in the door when wind blew the door shut.
27 Feb 2012	Yarram	N/A	A shovel machine slid on steep ground and hit a stump, rolled onto its side.
27 Feb 2012	Campbellfield	Fractured thumb	A workers thumb was caught between a sledgehammer and track as he completed conveyor track repairs.
27 Feb 2012	Werribee	Laceration to right elbow	A worker cut himself as he was working on a glass edging machine.
27 Feb 2012	Thomastown	Burns to arms, chest and neck	Hot water from a steam boiler with a jammed blowdown valve splashed onto worker.
27 Feb 2012	Broadmeadows	Laceration to left arm	A worker cut his arm as he was working inside the carcass of a fridge.
28 Feb 2012	Dandenong South	Laceration to big toe	A worker was washing his feet in a basin and hit his big toe underneath the basin.
28 Feb 2012	Morwell	Laceration to the leg	A worker was spinning a roll of wrapping while holding a knife and lacerated his leg with the knife.
29 Feb 2012	Bendigo	Fractured right middle finger	A worker was pushing a trolley when it hit another trolley, jamming his finger between the two trolleys.
29 Feb 2012	Wendouree	Bruising	A tipper tub fell one metre off its stand while a worker was working inside it.
2 Mar 2012	Brooklyn	N/A	A welding spark ignited a trolley covered in overspray from the paint shop (lacquer).
2 Mar 2012	Dandenong	Left finger injury	A worker shot a nail into his left hand as he was nailing up a wooden crate.
2 Mar 2012	Dandenong	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock to the hand.
2 Mar 2012	Dandenong	Finger tip amputation	A worker was using a panel saw when it cut the tip of his finger off.
2 Mar 2012	Wodonga	Laceration	A worker was undertaking machine repairs and caught his left ring finger the rear clamp, causing a laceration and fracture.

## Logistics

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20 Feb 2012	Footscray	Laceration to right thumb	A worker had immobilised a bus engine to work on it when the engine started up again and his right hand got caught in the fan belt pulley cutting this thumb.
20 Feb 2012	Maffra	Inhalation of ammonia gas.	A worker was loading a truck when ammonia gas spilled.
20 Feb 2012	Toorak	N/A	A side loader unit was lifting a 20 foot container when the unit failed causing damage to container.
20 Feb 2012	Laverton North	Electric shock	A worker was changing the light globe in the back of a trailer when he received an electric shock.
22 Feb 2012	Braybrook	Loss of consciousness and lacerations to head.	Worker was standing on a pallet on a forklift and lost his balance and fell to floor.
22 Feb 2012	Dandenong South	Lacerations	A prime mover with a tipper rolled over.
22 Feb 2012	Keilor Park	Laceration to left hand	Moving pallets by hand resulted in worker receiving a laceration to left hand.
22 Feb 2012	Laverton	Fatal heart attack	A delivery worker collapsed while doing deliveries.
23 Feb	Boronia	Laceration to face	A customer was assisting a driver when he slipped and

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2012		and leg	received lacerations.
23 Feb 2012	Tullamarine	Laceration	A piece of air-con duct became unplugged and cut a worker above the eye.
23 Feb 2012	Ballarat	Loss of consciousness	A driver had just unloaded his truck when he collapsed, losing consciousness.
23 Feb 2012	Geelong	Crushed fingers	A forklift was lifting a pallet with a worker sitting on the pallet as counter weight when the workers fingers were crushed between two masts.
24 Feb 2012	Bendigo	N/A	A semi trailer was tipping dirt when the trailer tipped over onto its side.
24 Feb 2012	Melbourne	Fatal heart attack	A delivery driver was delivering some stock and suffered a heart attack.
27 Feb 2012	Melbourne	N/A	When worker attempted to put a scissor lift on a tow truck it tipped over on its side.
27 Feb 2012	Brooklyn	Fractured ribs.	A worker was coupling a trailer and as he stepped on the top to release boost brake he slipped off.
28 Feb 2012	Altona	N/A	A one litre bottle of class 6.1 pack group 111 was found broken and leaking onto the floor of a container during unpacking.
28 Feb 2012	Dandenong	Hand/finger crush injury	Worker was assisting to unload a safe using a forklift when the safe landed on his hand.
29 Feb 2012	Albert Park	N/A	A forklift drove into a tray truck while unloading internal walls for a marquee.
29 Feb 2012	Tullamarine	Laceration to head	A worker hit his head on the landing gear door.
29 Feb 2012	Benambra	Crushed finger	Worker was releasing the dog chain on log train and caught his ring finger in chain which was crushed.
29 Feb 2012	Laverton North	N/A	A forklift operator was pulling a pallet of product from two metre high shelving when the forklift hit the shelving upright and a box fell three metres to the ground.
1 Mar 2012	Delacombe	Crush to left hand	A worker was using a grinder when it jammed into a corner steel bracket and crushed his left hand.

## Meat

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
22 Feb 2012	Geelong	Electric shock	A worker was terminating cables at a power point and received a shock.
27 Feb 2012	Warrnambool	Laceration	A worker was stabbed on left forearm just above mesh glove as he was boning a beef carcass.
27 Feb 2012	Warrnambool	Laceration	Worker was cutting a beef carcass and lacerated his left index finger through the cut resistant glove.
27 Feb 2012	Warrnambool	Laceration to index finger	A worker dropped one of his knives and cut himself as he tried to catch it.
2 Mar 2012	Somerville	Laceration	A worker struck his head on a stationary conveyer.
2 Mar 2012	Seymour	Laceration to left arm	A worker flipped over a flank and his knife slipped out of his hand, went through the flank and cut his left arm.

## Food

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20 Feb 2012	Eltham	Electric Shock	A worker touched the metal bench which the commercial toaster was on and received an electric shock.
21 Feb 2012	Port Melbourne	N/A	A 200kg drum fell off a pallet while being lifted by a forklift

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21 Feb 2012	Mornington	Laceration to right hand	A worker was slicing bread on a machine and lacerated his right hand.
22 Feb 2012	Knox	Laceration	A worker was slicing meat on a slicer and cut her hand.
23 Feb 2012	Geelong	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock from a wrapping machine.
27 Feb 2012	Wantirna	Laceration to head	A worker tripped over a non slip mat and struck her head on a cupboard as she fell.
27 Feb 2012	Longwarry	N/A	A dry chamber caught fire during the drying process.
27 Feb 2012	Wyndham Vale	Burns	A worker was cooking when the food caught fire. The worker placed the fire blanket over the fire and received a burn to the left hand.
27 Feb 2012	Kensington	Laceration to right leg	As a worker dropped a pallet and it scraped his right leg.
27 Feb 2012	Scoresby	Laceration to forehead	A worker opened a package from the side not the bottom and the box wall came loose causing the products to fall on the worker.
27 Feb 2012	Mildura	Left eye injury	Worker received burns to her left eye from caustic soda splashed.
28 Feb 2012	Braybrook	Back injury	A worker received a back injury walking down stairs.
29 Feb 2012	Clayton South	Laceration	A worker was walking past a platform step and caught her foot on bottom of ladder, tripped and fell.
29 Feb 2012	Broadmeadows	Steam burns to torso	A worker was cleaning equipment and closed a valve which caused steam to build up so when the valve was opened it released steam and water which splashed and burnt worker.
1 Mar 2012	Morwell	Knee injury	A worker was driving a company truck down a hill and the truck skidded and went into a house.

## Retail/Trade

Date*	Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
20 Feb 2012	Melbourne	Laceration to finger	A worker was un-jamming a nibler and struck a sharp piece of duct work which lacerated to his right hand index knuckle.
28 Feb 2012	Sunshine West	N/A	A pungent smell was reported and the building evacuated for investigations.
28 Feb 2012	Edenhope	Lacerations to finger	A worker cut their left hand little finger on a slicer.
29 Feb 2012	Werribee	Laceration to head	A worker bent down to pick up an object and hit his head on an open cupboard door as he stood up.
1 Mar 2012	Bendigo	Pneumathorax	A worker moved a 13kg box of bananas on to a trolley and later felt a burning pain in the chest and shortness of breath.
2 Mar 2012	Melbourne	Unknown	A piece of cladding fell from the first floor and hit a worker on the head.
2 Mar 2012	Warragul	Loss of consciousness	A worker collapsed in the store change room.

## Agriculture

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20 Feb 2012	Bairnsdale	Eye injury	A worker got raw wasabi in his eyes.
22 Feb 2012	Maffra	Laceration to chin.	A worker was kicked by cow.
24 Feb 2012	Boort	Fractured pelvis	A worker was droving sheep on an ag bike when he hit a sheep.
24 Feb 2012	Bendigo	Laceration	While removing a hose from a wall, a shovel fell and struck a worker on the nose.
26 Feb 2012	Robinvale	N/A	A truck tipped over on stock pad.
27 Feb 2012	Warrnambool	Muscular injury	A worker became pinned between rotary platform and milking machine.
29 Feb 2012	Bendoc	N/A	A tree branch in a burnt out area fell and struck the windscreen of a patrol vehicle.

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