

Notified incidents

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Since the last edition of Safety Soapbox, there have been 79 incidents, serious enough to be reported to WorkSafe Victoria, from the construction, utility and quarrying industries. Below is a summary of these incidents.

Suburb	Injury details	Incident description
13/02		
Melbourne	N/A	A gas pipe was damaged by an excavator as the bucket was scrapping soil away.
Bundoora	N/A	A small fire started on formwork carpentry.
Brighton	Laceration to left leg	A worker was using a grinder and slipped causing a laceration to the left leg.
St Kilda	N/A	Section of hollow wall was blown off a building and landed on car below.
Shepparton	Fractured finger	A worker fractured her finger opening a sliding glass door.
Wangaratta	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock testing a solar inverter.
14/02		
Bendigo	Laceration to right forearm.	A worker was dragging some rio out and cut the inside of right forearm.
Ferntree Gully	Laceration to left hand	A worker struck his hand against a stainless steel slue shroud.
Lang Lang	Laceration to index finger	A worker cut his finger as a tray was being lowered into a column.
Bendigo	Shoulder dislocation	A driver dislocated his shoulder when he was delivering concrete tilt panels and let the chains go.
Hepburn Springs	Loss of consciousness/seizure	A worker was a passenger in a car and lost consciousness/had a seizure.
15/02		
Portarlington	N/A	A tipper truck loaded with a bob cat rolled down-hill and landed into a tree.
Wantirna South	Electric shock	A worker was using a power drill plugged in to the meter box at the site and received a shockl.
Warrnambool	Left thumb laceration	A worker laying bluestones hit his thumb with a mallet.
Heidelberg	Laceration	A worker received a deep laceration when a 20kg concrete slab slipped and jammed his finger between a bobcat and concrete slab.

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Waurm Ponds	N/A	Sparks from a grinder set grass and twigs alight.
North Melbourne	Crushed finger	A worker received a crushed finger.
16/2		
Preston	N/A	A scaffold kick board at level six was knocked by a trolley and fell to level one.
Melbourne	Fractured ring finger & lacerations	A worker was placing fencing in a trailer and hitting the fencing with a piece of pipe when he hit his finger.
Epping	N/A	Roofers were installing an insulated panel when a block of wood fell 10 metres.
Melbourne	Foot injury	A worker was operating a one tonne scissor lift from ground level when it ran over his foot.
Port Melbourne	Head injury, loss of consciousness	A dogman was slinging a load when the backing timber slipped and hit his head.
17/2		
Wodonga	Lacerated leg	A worker received a cut to his leg when he contacted a sheet of corrugated iron being carried by another worker.
Wonthaggi	Laceration to right hand	A plumber was carrying some cladding when he tripped on a pipe on the ground and fell, cutting his hand on the cladding.
Melbourne	Electric shock	An air conditioning mechanic received an electric shock.
Kealba	Fractured arm	A worker fell off a roof as he was erecting scaffolding.
Greenvale	Laceration to left hand	A worker was using a circular saw to cut a piece of timber and the saw jammed and kicked back making contact with three of his fingers.
Burrumbidgee	N/A	Workers were loading a profiler onto a float when the profiler wheels slipped off the float deck and the profiler fell onto its side.
Greenvale	Laceration to finger tips	A worker cut his fingertips with a power saw.
Rye	N/A	A worker narrowly avoided falling eight metres into a well when a concrete pit lid collapsed.
Wonthaggi	Fractured leg	A worker broke his leg when he lost his footing.
20/2		
Southbank	Electric shock	A worker received an electric shock when he plugged an extension lead into a power board.
Balwyn	Laceration to left	A carpenter received a laceration to his left thumb while

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	thumb	using a drop saw.
St Kilda	N/A	A form work wooden bearer fell through the outside canopy of a next door property.
St Kilda	Not known	A section of a hammer head tower crane boom was being dismantled. When the last pin was removed the boom section reared up and struck two riggers.
Rochester	Laceration left leg	Roofing iron on the ground lifted up as the worker stepped on it, hitting his left leg.
Melbourne	N/A	Suspect asbestos material found and removed from leaking valve.
Tullamarine	N/A	Ceiling tile dislodged from roof hit a worker on hard hat.
21/2		
Clifton Springs	Rib injury	A worker slipped and fell six metres down an embankment.
Anglesea	Inflamed spinal discs	A worker was lifting a wheel barrow and received a back injury.
Essendon	Lacerations to forearm and wrist	A worker lacerated his forearm and wrist while moving a roll top flashing.
Wendouree	Laceration	A worker was sanding with a poly fan sander and it kicked back and injured his right hand.
Morwell	Electric shock	A worker was installing fire suppression on a turbine when he brushed against the casing and received a shock.
Melbourne	Scratched eye	A fragment of nail broke off and lodged in a workers eye as he was hammering the nail into wall.
Bannockburn	Laceration to right hand	A worker was using a drop saw to cut skirting boards when he moved the board along and contacted the blade with his right hand.
Mernda	Puncture wound in right hand	A carpenter was using a nail gun and a nail ricocheted off a piece of timber and entered his right hand between thumb and index finger.
Bundoora	Electric shock	Worker stood on an electrical lead on site that had a tie wire running underneath it and this cause the wire to puncture the lead causing an electrical shock.
Drysdale	Broken ribs, punctured lung, fractured vertebra and sternum	A worker stumbled and fell off a creek wall falling three metres into the rocky and dry creek bed.
Ivanhoe	Splinter in thumb	A carpenter got a splinter in the base/thumb area of his

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		right hand which became infected.
Wonthaggi	Fractured left forearm.	A worker was carrying an industrial vacuum cleaner down a scaffold ladder when he fell.
Rockbank	Laceration to forehead	The oil assembly on an excavator was being replaced when a crow bar hit one of the workers on the head.
Balwyn	Fractured pelvis	A worker slipped and fell 3.5 metres off the side of a building.
Hampton Park	N/A	A vehicle loading crane was being driven down the road and the crane arm swung out and hit a school crossing post.
22/2		
Mernda	Fractured wrist	A worker fell from a step ladder.
Castlemaine	Laceration to left hand	A worker was using a nail gun and a nail when through the timber and into his hand.
Sunbury	N/A	A water carting truck tipped over onto its side.
Frankston South	Loss of consciousness	A worker was involved in a fight and received a punch to the head and struck his head on the ground.
Burwood	Electric shock	A drill bit became stuck in a concrete slab and a worker received an electric shock as they tried to release it.
Ringwood	N/A	A drilling rig struck an underground electrical line.
Ashwood	Laceration to right hand	A worker was using a power-saw and lacerated his right middle finger.
23/2		
Highton	Fractured right foot	A worker fractured his foot after a fall from a scaffold.
Keysborough	Laceration to his forehead requiring stitches	While using a saw to cut a drainage pipe, the blade gripped the pipe and kicked back and the saw-housing hit the workers head.
Maribyrnong	Laceration to left eye and loss of consciousness	A worker tripped as he stepped over a barricade to a work area and fell to the ground.
Bundoora	Head injury	A member of the public fell over and received a head injury.
Melbourne	N.A	A steel H frame fell over at a building site.
Corio	N/A	A piece of angle iron was knocked from a four meter scaffold and hit a worker on the hand.

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Hawthorn	Fractured leg	A worker stepped off planks on a scaffold and fell about two metres to the ground.
Tullamarine	N/A	A bob cat reversed into a four metre high scaffold.
Box Hill	Electric shock	A carpenter was cutting ceiling tiles and the knife touched a flex cable that was on the tile.
24/2		
Benalla	Electric shock	Worker received an electric shock from a damaged proximity sensor.
West Meadows	Fractured left ankle	Worker fell as he was climbing off building frame.
Port Melbourne	Laceration to left hand	A worker was pulling on pipe work and slashed his hand.
Boisdale	Laceration to finger	A worker was drilling a hole in two pieces of steel and slipped with the drill hitting his third finger on his left hand.
Drouin	Laceration to left thumb	A worker shot a nail through his left thumb.
Lynbrook	Electric Shock	A worker was installing electric conduit under a floor when he touched another cable with his arm and received an electric shock.
Benalla	Laceration to finger	Laceration to finger from sheet metal.
Mining		
Kulwin	Electric Shock	A worker was using an electric saw to cut PVC pipe when water dripped and he received a shock.
Hamilton	Electric shock	A worker was sliding on a croup when he contacted the earth and received a shock.
Woods Point	Inhalation of blasting gases	Miners walked into gases that had been caused by a recent blast.