



Pipe Trades Network Bulletin

SAFETY BULLETIN #14 REPAIRING

Statistics have shown that certain types of lost-time injuries are more prevalent to Steamfitters. This bulletin has been prepared to create awareness and suggest solutions to reduce these causes of lost-time-injuries.

Case Histories

Fitter was repairing roof top air conditioning unit when he slipped on a patch of ice and fell, injuring his left knee.

Fitter was repairing pipe when the pipe slipped and struck his right knee, cutting and dislocating it.

Fitter was repairing piping when he touched and electrical wire and sustained a shock, which caused him to fall from the ladder, injuring his back and head.

Fitter was repairing an air damper with pipe wrenches when he strained his abdominal muscles.

Fitter was repairing machine when cylinder dropped in machine and crushed his left middle finger.

Fitter was repairing heating equipment when he cut his finger on a sharp edge.

Activity

Repairing pipes, cylinders, and equipment from rooftops or ladders continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **Steamfitters**.

Prevention

- Maintain ladders in safe condition and use with precautions.
- Whenever possible, ensure slippery conditions are treated.
- Wear non-slip footwear with green triangle CSA standard (grade 1).
- Use proper tool and position before starting the job.

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