



Pipe Trades Network Bulletin

SAFETY BULLETIN #13 HANDLING

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

Case Histories

Plumber was handling box of fittings (20 lbs) when fell down a set of stairs that were cluttered, injuring his right wrist.

Plumber was handling plumbing fixtures for rough in when he kicked a piece of wood, which was nailed down, out of his way, breaking his right big toe.

Plumber was handling pipe when one leg of stepladder went into a drain causing worker to fall, injuring his left wrist.

Plumber was handling hose when metal pipe from above fell and struck worker on the back, injuring his back.

Plumber was handling ductwork when his ladder slipped causing worker to wrench his shoulder.

Plumber was handling pipe for welder when he sustained a welding flash to both eyes.

Activity

Handling pipes, fittings, plumbing fixtures and other material while working from ladders, stairs or floor continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **Plumbers**.

Prevention

- **Wear proper personal protective equipment at all times (eye wear).**
- **Maintain ladders in safe condition and use with precautions.**
- **Use proper stance or position before handling material or fixtures.**
- **Incorporate housekeeping during weekly toolbox talks.**

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