



Pipe Trades Network Bulletin

SAFETY BULLETIN #12 PULLING

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

Case Histories

Welder was pulling a 12" x 2' pipe into position when he slipped and felt a sharp pain in his lower left side.

Welder was pulling on 20 lb. rails when he dislocated his right shoulder.

Welder was pulling welding cable across bridging when he slipped and fell, injuring his ribs.

Welder was pulling on a pry bar when it slipped and his left thumb was caught between bar and plate, fracturing it.

Welder was pulling pieces of steel together using a come-a-long when he strained a muscle in his abdomen.

Welder was pulling on a pipe when he strained a muscle in his shoulder.

Activity

Pulling pipes, pieces of steel, welding cables or other welding material/equipment continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **Welders**.

Prevention

- Use a buddy system or mechanical means when pulling heavy loads.
- Wear non-slip footwear with green triangle CSA standard (grade 1).
- Incorporate material handling during weekly toolbox talks.
- Use proper stance and position before starting activity.

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