



# Pipe Trades Network Bulletin

## SAFETY BULLETIN #13 GUIDING

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 guiding a 1 ton steel column while crane was lifting it when steel column sifted and struck his right leg, breaking it.

Welder was guiding pipe being raised by co-worker using a rope when co-worker lost grip-causing pipe to hit his right shoulder, injuring it.

Welder was guiding structural steel beam when it slipped from choker and struck worker, sustained fractures to legs and shoulder.

Welder was guiding plate (100 lbs) into position in hopper when plate slipped pinching his right hand between conveyor and plate, fracturing his hand.

Welder was guiding a beam when the machine moving the beam malfunction, causing him to take the weight of the beam injuring his back and legs.

Welder was guiding steel being moved by crane when he fell, injuring his ribs.

### Activity

**Guiding** pipes, beams, columns, or other steel, being moved by either rope, chains or cranes continue to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **Welders**.

### Prevention

- Ensure all loads are properly rigged to prevent the dislodgement of any part.
- Ensure that all equipment or machines are properly maintained.
- Incorporate material handling during weekly toolbox talks.
- Use proper stance, grip and position before starting job.

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