



Network Bulletin

Refrigeration/Air Conditioning

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SAFETY BULLETIN #4 INSTALLING

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

Case Histories

HVAC mechanic was installing ductwork when he fell off ladder, landing on a chainsaw breaking his arm.

HVAC mechanic was installing pipe work while standing on a 4' wide beam, when he lost his footing and fell, injuring his head, legs and hips.

HVAC mechanic was installing a fan motor (20lbs) on rooftop when he received electrical burns to his right hand.

HVAC mechanic was installing motor (15lbs) in furnace in a confined space when he sustained pain in his chest.

HVAC mechanic was helping to install a 50lb. spiral duct in rafters when duct slipped and cut his right hand.

HVAC mechanic was installing metal ductwork with hand drill when ladder broke causing him to fall, cutting his left thumb on ductwork.

Activity

Installing from ladders, rooftops and in confined spaces continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for HVAC Work and for construction generally.

Prevention

- **Maintain ladders in safe condition and use with precautions.**
- **Use fall-arrest or travel restraint systems where required.**
- **All energy sources that could affect workers must be controlled.**
- **Use caution when working in confined spaces.**

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