



Network Bulletin

Refrigeration/Air Conditioning

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SAFETY BULLETIN #7 REMOVING

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/R mechanic was removing water-cooler condenser when he sustained a recurrence of a back injury.

HVAC/R mechanic was removing air conditioning system when an electrical arc occurred, worker received burns to his face and both hands

HVAC/R mechanic was removing HVAC equipment when he fell off ladder.

HVAC/R mechanic was removing refrigerant pipe when pipe broke and sprayed into his eyes.

HVAC/R mechanic was removing furnace when soot blew into his left eye.

HVAC/R mechanic was removing exhaust fan in underground parking garage when his right hand got caught, fracturing his thumb and cut fingers.

Activity

Removing air conditioning systems, pipes, furnaces or other HVAC equipment continues to be a factor in lost-time injuries for **HVAC/R Work**.

Prevention

- Wear proper personal protective equipment (eyewear, gloves)
- All energy sources that could affect workers must be controlled.
- Incorporate material handling during weekly toolbox talks.
- Use fall-arrest or travel restraint system where required.

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