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SAFETY BULLETIN #3 REPAIRING/SERVICING

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 repairing air conditioning equipment on roof when he twisted his back.

HVAC mechanic was repairing line when pipe burst and freon burned his arms and hands.

HVAC mechanic was repairing gas fired unit heater when flames came out from back of unit, burning his face, right ear and neck.

HVAC mechanic was servicing a rooftop unit when he slipped and fell off ladder, breaking his left wrist.

HVAC mechanic was servicing a refrigeration compressor in a tight area when he came in contact with electrical connection, burning his right wrist.

HVAC mechanic was servicing an air conditioning unit when his hand got caught in condenser fan, amputating his left index finger.

Activity

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

Prevention

- Maintain ladders and stairs in safe condition and use with precautions.
- Keep access ways clear of debris and slippery conditions at all times.
- Use fall-arrest or travel restraint systems where required.
- Complete regular workplace inspections and implement corrective action.

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