

## Serious Incident Reports (SIRs) Construction Houston Area OSHA Offices FY 2018\*

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 there were about 512 Serious Incident Reports (SIRs) reported to the Houston OSHA offices versus 428 the previous year. SIRs incidents include cases of hospitalizations, amputations, and loss of an eye. Of the 512 reports 411 were in general industry and 101 were in construction. Let's work together to send every worker home safe at the end of the day.

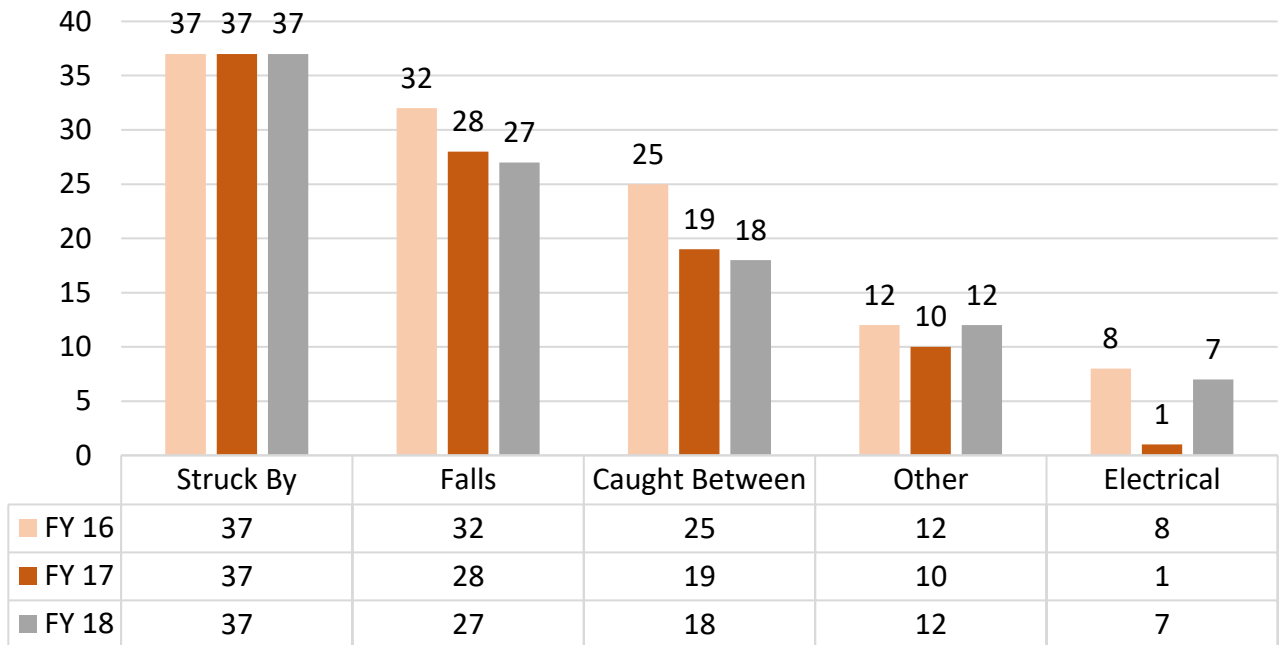


Of the 101 construction SIRs, 86 were hospitalizations and 19 were amputations. 4 of the amputations required hospitalization so they were technically counted twice.  $86 + 19 - 4 = 101$

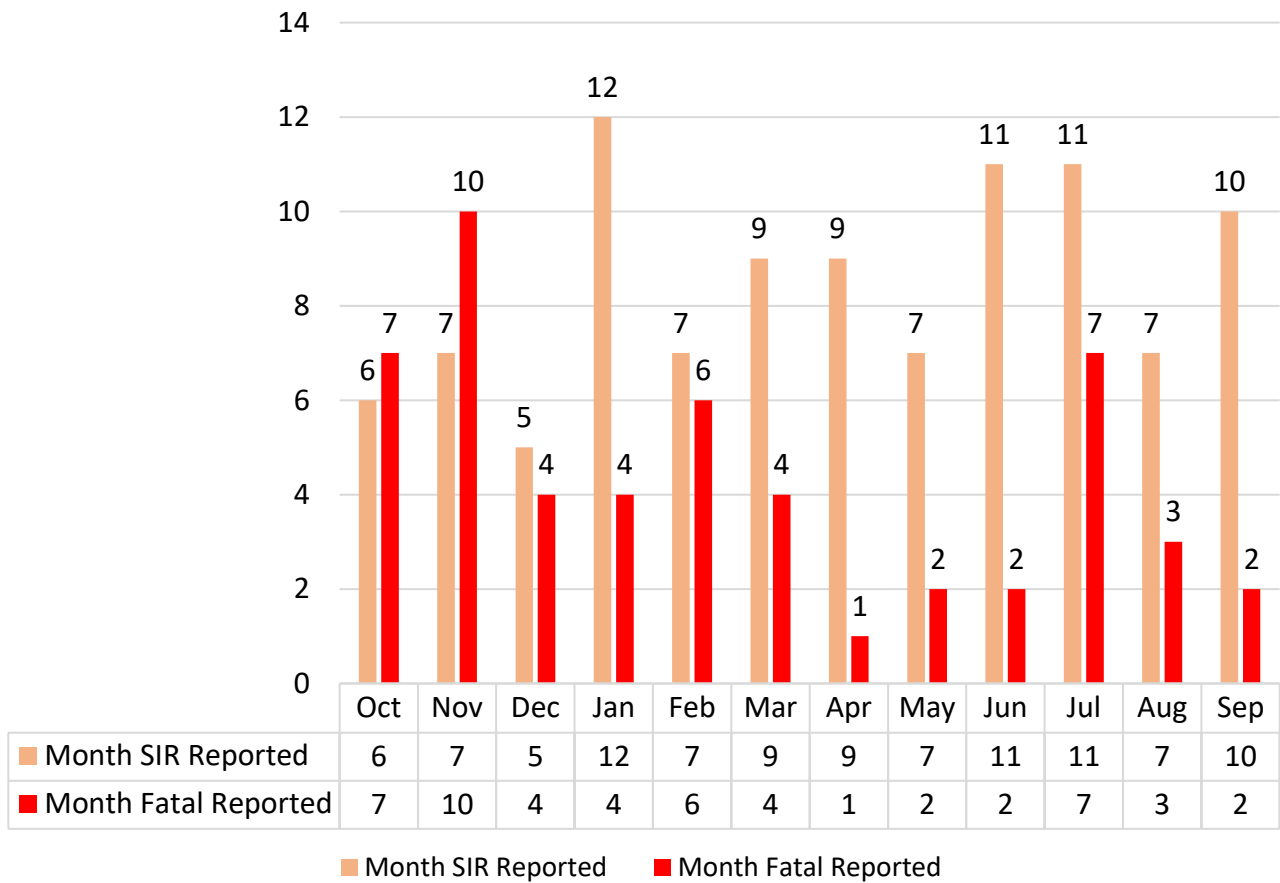
### FY 18 Houston Area Construction SIR Reports by NAICS Code

NAICS	Industry	SIRs
236220	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	12
238210	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	11
236210	Industrial Building Construction	9
237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	9
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	8
237110	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	7
238110	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	7
238220	Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	6
238140	Masonry Contractors	5
238990	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	4
237310	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	3
238120	Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	3
238310	Drywall and Insulation Contractors	3
238160	Roofing Contractors	2
238190	Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors	2
238320	Painting and Wall Covering Contractors	2
238910	Site Preparation Contractors	2
236115	New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	1
236116	New Multifamily Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)	1
236118	Residential Remodelers	1
237130	Power and Communication Line and Related Structures Construction	1
238150	Glass and Glazing Contractors	1
238290	Other Building Equipment Contractors	1

### FY 18 Houston Area Construction SIRs by Focus Four



### FY 18 Houston Area Month of Construction SIRs v. Fatal Reports



## FY 18 Construction SIRs by Event

SIRs by Event	Incidents
Struck by falling object or equipment	12
Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects	9
Fall on same level	8
Fall lower level ladder	7
Struck by powered vehicle	6
Struck by blade/knife/sharp object	6
Exposure to heat - environmental	5
Entangled in running equipment or machinery	5
Struck by rolling object or equipment	5
Struck by flying object	3
Electrical burns	3
Electric shock	3
Struck by tool	2
Struck by moving object or equipment	2
Fall lower level structure or equipment	2
Fall lower level stairs	2
Fall lower level scaffolding	2
Excavation cave-in	2
Burns hot liquids	2
Body movement	2
Fall lower level skylight	2
Struck by shifting load or equipment	1
Other/unknown	1
Fire vapors, gases, or liquids	1
Fall lower level roof	1
Fall lower level nonmoving vehicle	1
Fall lower level building	1
Caught between moving objects or equipment	1
Burns chemical	1
Arc flash	1
Caught between	1
Fall through surface	1

## FY 18 Houston Area SIR Incident Narratives by NAICS

### 236115 - New Single-Family Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)

Struck by rolling object or equipment

- Employee was operating a mini roller compactor on roadway and drove the unit off the edge of the asphalt roadway overturning it in a ditch. He hit his head on the ROPS and received a concussion.

### **236116 - New Multifamily Housing Construction (except For-Sale Builders)**

#### Electrical burns

- Employee was on the third story balcony of an apartment complex pulling up a 25' section of gutter with a rope. When he grabbed the gutter the end of it swung and hit a power line 11' away. The electricity exited out of the employees left foot causing a quarter sized exit wound burn.

### **236118 - Residential Remodelers**

#### Struck by falling object or equipment

- Employees were moving a mainframe containing multiple drivers off a pallet. When they moving the mainframe off the pallet it tilted. The employee tried to catch it from falling but it fell and hit his right shin bone breaking it.

### **236210 - Industrial Building Construction**

#### Burns hot liquids

- Employee was loosening bolts on a flange to drain water from a furnace header and he was contacted by condensate causing skin burns to the right and left forearm.

#### Entangled in running equipment or machinery

- Employee was lowering a pallet jack to a lower level when the rope became tangled with the employee's right pinky finger resulting in an amputation.

#### Fall lower level scaffolding

- Employee was working at elevation in a structure, fitting support brackets on instrument air piping. He was traversing the structure with the intention of going to the ground when he fell 25' - 30' and struck the ground. The employee was tied off, but his fall protection disengaged about 1/2 way down and he hit the ground. The worker had been tied off to a vertical scaffold member. He fractured his left forearm, multiple fractured ribs, and skull and a hematoma.

#### Fall lower level skylight

- Employee fell 15' through skylight while performing roofing work sustaining multiple fractures of face and skull and a laceration on the right hand.

#### Fall lower level stairs

- An employee was walking down the stairs and missed a step fracturing her left ankle.

#### Fall on same level

- While removing bolts from a pipe flange, an employee lost his balance and fell on the same level hitting his right side/abdomen fracturing his rib.

#### Struck by falling object or equipment

- Red iron beams were being rigged to be removed as part of the form work for a concrete task. In removal of the beam, the crew lost control of one and it struck the scissor lift knocking it to the ground with the worker inside injuring his spleen and other injuries.

- Employee was a foreman and gave a hand signal for the crane operator to rotate the auger in order to access a clog in the auger. A piece of drill spoil fell 55' and struck him on the back of the head injuring the back of the head and neck.

#### Struck by powered vehicle

- An employee was riding as a passenger on a golf cart when it struck a forklift and he sustained a broken nose, mandible and laceration to the knee.

### **236220 - Commercial and Institutional Building Construction**

#### Electrical burns

- Employees were installing aluminum guttering on a gas station canopy. While the employee was lifting one of the pieces he hit a high voltage power line causing burns to his hands and foot.

#### Excavation cave-in

- Trench collapse with one employee in the work area resulting in hospitalization.

#### Fall lower level building

- Employee was removing trash in the first floor and slipped and fell through a wall opening receiving multiple internal injuries.

#### Fall on same level

- Employee was moving a 16' fiberglass extension ladder along the side of a building when his foot was caught on 2" x 2" wooden stake protruding out from the ground causing him to fall. When he fell, the other foot got tangled in between the first and second rungs of the ladder. He sustained a compound fracture of the right tibia and fibula above the ankle.

#### Fire vapors, gases, or liquids

- The employee was spraying what's called a hot box, a process of strutting rubber. While spraying, there was a flash fire giving him 2nd degree burns to his right hand and forearm.

#### Struck by blade/knife/sharp object

- While an employee was using a table saw, the saw back fed the piece of lumber he was cutting jamming the blade. He tried to unjam the saw and the saw blade came in contact with his left hand amputating two fingers.
- Employee was cutting a precast storm sewer pipe and he slipped off the pipe. Losing the grip on the saw he cut himself under his left arm rib cage area.
- Employee was removing tools from the tool box and while removing a battery operated portable bandsaw he accidentally depress the trigger. The running blade came in contact with his right hand amputating the fifth finger up to the first knuckle.

#### Struck by falling object or equipment

- Employee sustained multiple fractures and injuries when a crane flipped over as he was unloading a 20 ton anchor chain from a vessel.
- Employee was washing a crane tire supported on a forklift and it fell on his lower leg fracturing the tibia and fibula.

- The employee was walking past a stack of drywall when it fell on her, breaking the tibia and fibula in the right leg.

#### Struck by rolling object or equipment

- Worker was standing close to an excavator and the equipment hit a pipe that rolled towards him. His boot was caught on something and he was unable to move in time and the pipe struck him fracturing his left tibia and fibula.

### **237110 - Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction**

#### Burns hot liquids

- An employee was installing a new pipe liner when he made a cut in the liner and hot water splashed on him causing second degree burns to the arms and torso.

#### Excavation cave-in

- The employee was installing pipe in a 4' excavation and walked outside the protected area when the walls collapsed and falling rock and dirt struck him causing compression of the L2 lumber.

#### Exposure to heat – environmental

- Employee was in the process of driving stakes for formwork when he started experienced cramps throughout his body. Employee was taken to hospital as a result of severe dehydration.

#### Fall on same level

- Employee sustained serious injury to his head and face when he tried to jump over a concrete channel box and fell receiving concussion and facial contusion.
- Employee was working on underground utilities looking for a leak in a water main by walking on the pipe when he slipped and hit his head on the trench box and his back also hit the pipe. Fall on same level.

#### Struck by blade/knife/sharp object

- Employee was using chainsaw when he lost control and it cut his right thigh.

#### Struck by flying object

- Employees were using two hydraulic jacks on each side of a 36-inch pipe to create a drainage beneath the highway. The unit was under pressure and a 3-inch fragment of the jack separated and penetrated a workers hard hat fracturing his skull.

### **237120 - Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction**

#### Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects

- Employee was loading Schedule 10, 6" x 10-12' long pipes onto a low boy and a pipe pinched his left finger lacerating and fracturing it.
- Employee was cleaning resin from the surface of 16" globe valve and it closed severing three fingers on his right hand.
- Employee had finished rigging and was walking out from between two exchanger bundles. A crew was loading exchanger bundle on a trailer and the load shifted pinning the employee between the active load and an adjacent stationary load fracturing his left femur and pelvis.

- Employee was moving an I-beam by rolling it and rolled it faster than anticipated. He reached to grab the beam and his fingers were caught between two beams amputating the tip of his finger.

#### Exposure to heat – environmental

- Employee was working at a construction site putting rebar together with chicken wire. He did not feel well and requested to go home early. While walking back to his car, he became dizzy and he was transported to the hospital for heat exhaustion.

#### Fall lower level structure or equipment

- Employee was standing on gooseneck trailer unloading material when he lost his balance and fell approximately 4' landing on the ground on his side. He fractured five ribs and was hospitalized for observation and respiratory therapy treatment to prevent pneumonia.

#### Struck by falling object or equipment

- Employee was abrasive blasting and was struck by a 6" - 20 ft. long spool pipe joint. The pipe made contact with the blasting hood of the employee and slid down his chest and waist area knocking him to the ground fracturing his pelvis and two places on his spine.

#### Struck by powered vehicle

- An employee was spotting a pipe as it was being moved from the pipe yard to the fabrication area. The employee's foot got stuck in mud and the excavator that was being used to move the pipe ran over the employee's foot. The employee sustained a contusion to his right leg.

#### Struck by rolling object or equipment

- Employee was assisting another employee in manually repositioning three 5" pipes that were placed awkwardly on a rack. The employees straightened the pipes and returned to their work station. The forklift operator who placed the pipe drove back over and attempted to manipulate one of the pipes with the forks and 5" x 49' long pipe rolled and crushed an employee's hand lacerating and causing muscle tissue damage to right hand.

### **237130 - Power and Communication Line and Related Structures Construction**

#### Fall lower level nonmoving vehicle

- Operator was in process of climbing onto digger derrick operators seat when he lost his balance falling 6-8' to ground sustaining compression fracture to lower back.

#### Struck by blade/knife/sharp object

- Worker was using a skill saw to cut expansion board material when he felt a tug on his right index finger and realized that he had cut through the tip of his right index finger to the bottom of the nail.

#### Struck by falling object or equipment

- Dismantling forms from a cap on a bridge column when the forms shifted and collapsed onto two employee's broking one employee's pelvis and the other suffered a broken jaw.
- A welded steel beam was being lifted and as it was being lifted, it came apart and fell hitting the worker's leg lacerating and fracturing it.

## **237990 - Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction**

Entangled in running equipment or machinery

- While installing a sewer line using the horizontal directional drilling method, a crew member was helping to add a drill stem to the tail string when his hand got too close to the nylon sling and the drill pipe and was crushed between the two amputating the right hand.

Fall lower level scaffolding

- An employee fell from a scaffold and broke his left wrist and left knee.

Other/unknown

- Employee was working outside one of the fab shops dumping trash into the roller bins from the back of a pick-up truck. Employee was found unconscious and taken to the hospital.

Struck by falling object or equipment

- Employee suffered a broken pelvis after a 30' schedule 40 stainless steel pipe was dropped from its perch upon jack stands, support by an overhead crane, when an employee moved the crane while work was taking place.

Struck by powered vehicle

- Employee was spotting a dozer truck and the dozer ran over the employee's legs breaking his thighs and legs.
- Employee was signing truck call tickets and both of his feet were run over by the truck driver fracturing his left and right foot and tubular and fibular bones in the lower leg.

Struck by rolling object or equipment

- Employee was attempting to relocate a 10' flange by hand. During the relocation the flange started to roll onto its side and he attempted to control the flange. The flange rolled onto its side and caught his right middle finger between the rolling flange and another flange on the pallet amputating the tip.

Struck by tool

- Employees were using a metal form called a keyway which utilizes rebar pins to keep it together. The employee was using a 10 lb. sledgehammer to secure pins and while striking the last pin he struck his pinky finger on the left hand causing him to lose his fingernail and have the finger-tip and bone shaved.

## **238110 - Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors**

Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects

- The delivery truck driver did not see a trailer which just pulled into the lot and parked on the side. The spotter on the back of the delivery truck tried to signal the driver but he did not stop. The spotter's left leg was pinned between the delivery truck and the trailer disjuncting the knee.

Fall lower level ladder

- Loading materials into a hopper using a front end loader, employee fell from the ladder fracturing his right ankle.



#### Fall on same level

- Surveying a construction site the employee tripped over a wooden stake and fell breaking his left hip.
- Employee slipped and fell bumping his head sustaining a concussion.
- Employee was washing out a cement mixer and slipped and fell fracturing his right tibia.

#### Struck by powered vehicle

- Employee sustained a broken pelvis when he tripped and fell down and the road grader hit him.
- Employee was traveling through area where a lowboy flatbed was being moved and was struck and run over receiving multiple fractures.

### **238120 - Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors**

#### Body movement

- Employee was stripping forms using a crowbar when the crowbar slip causing him to lose his balance. He put all his weight down on the right foot and rolled his ankle fracturing it.

#### Caught between moving objects or equipment

- All the employees were located on the floor of the tank while they were moving rafters to build a cone on top. One of the rafters was hooked onto a tractor. When they went to pull the rafter, the joint of the rafter caught the rafter below it and the rafter below it slid and pinched the employee breaking two bones above her left ankle (tibia and fibia) and three broken bones in her left foot.

#### Struck by rolling object or equipment

- Two employees were transporting steel roll on a cart to the work location. The cart tipped over, away from the employees, however the structural steel rolled back and crushed one of the employee's toes on his right foot.

### **238140 - Masonry Contractors**

#### Entangled in running equipment or machinery

- The employee was adding mortar to mixer when he noticed that mortar had built up inside the mixer. He put his hand into the mixer while it was rotating to try to clean the build-up off. The rotating blade caught his gloved hand and amputated his left index finger and damaged his middle finger which may need amputated.
- Employee was operating a mortar mixer on a construction site when at some point during the mixing process the mixer guard was removed and he inserted his right hand into the moving parts of the mixer and amputated two fingers.

#### Exposure to heat – environmental

- Employee was found in his car where he had vomited and was taken to the hospital for heat stress.

#### Fall lower level ladder

- Employee was climbing a ladder on scaffold while carrying another section of ladder in his hand. The section of ladder being carried got caught on the scaffold and caused him to lose his balance and fall approximately 8' resulting in cerebral injury, bruising, internal bleeding, loss of feeling in legs, and paralysis.

- The employees was climbing down the scaffold ladder and around the second tier of the scaffold he fell from the ladder possibly fracturing his hip.

#### **238150 - Glass and Glazing Contractors**

Struck by blade/knife/sharp object

- Operating a table saw to cut a metal part when the saw had a kickback and struck the employee's hand amputating three fingers on the left hand.

#### **238160 - Roofing Contractors**

Fall lower level ladder

- The superintendent was climbing an extension ladder to look at a roof where his company had completed work. The ladder was tied off at the top and the bottom of ladder had been placed on top of some plastic sheeting. As he was climbing the ladder, the bottom of the ladder slipped caused the superintendent to fall 15' off the ladder breaking his elbow and pelvis.

Fall lower level skylight

- Employee was working on a residential home replacing shingles and roofing paper. He tripped on roofing paper and fell 15-20' through sky light cutout hole to the concrete floor.

#### **238190 - Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors**

Struck by falling object or equipment

- Employee was cutting metal beam when the beam shifted and went up in the air and came down. The beam struck his left thumb and the doctor advised partial amputation.
- Employee experienced an amputation of the tip of the right ring finger when a steel I-beam fell off the forklift he was loading.

#### **238210 - Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors**

Arc flash

- Electrical contractor employee was working in the power room, making a temporary power connection on a 480V box, and an arc blast occurred. He suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 60% of his body.

Body movement

- Employee was a helper lifting a hydraulic driller coring machine and hurt his back.

Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects

- Employee was preparing to install mechanical rigging onto a new line when he pinched the 4th and 5th fingers of his right hand between the rail of aerial lift basket and cross arm of the power line structure crushing his fingers.
- A journeyman electrician and an apprentice were installing new lighting in elevator shafts 2, 3 and 4 which were locked out using the host site LOTO procedures. The journeyman electrician began to do completion work from the previous day in elevator shaft pit number 1 which was not locked out. He was on a ladder when the apprentice noticed the elevator became energized and the counter-weights began moving downward. The journeyman electrician was able to move his head out of the way but

was pinned by the counter-weights crushing his shoulder and arm area causing fractures to the arm, shoulder blade and clavicle.

#### Electric shock

- While installing ceiling light fixtures, employee contacted 277 VAC energized wiring with wire strippers and fell from a 7' step ladder suffering head trauma and broken ribs.
- Taking apart a light fixture in the ceiling grid, the employee took the nuts off a live wire and was shocked and fell 8' off the ladder to the floor receiving burns and lacerations to his left hand.
- Employee received an electrical shock while removing a steel cover from underground pull box and lost consciousness.

#### Electrical burns

- Employee was replacing wire in a police sub-station that had been flooded. As the employee reached for a wire, he sustained burns to his left hand because the circuit was not de-energized.

#### Fall lower level ladder

- An employee was using a 10' step ladder with a bad rear horizontal section to pull wire and fell off the third rung of the ladder breaking his leg.

#### Fall lower level roof

- Employee was on the roof installing fiber optic cabling and fell off the 20' roof fracturing both hips, multiple broken bones, broken collarbone.

#### Struck by tool

- The employee shot a nail into his right hand with a nail gun while trying to unjam it with needle nose pliers breaking bones in his right hand.

### **238220 - Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors**

#### Entangled in running equipment or machinery

- Employee had changed a bearing on an air handling unit fan. He was in the process of manually checking the tension of the drive belt by it by rotating by hand when his hand was pulled between the motor and the drive belt amputating the left ring finger.

#### Exposure to heat – environmental

- Employee went a sales call to perform a plumbing job. After the work was complete the employee pulled into a local park to perform paper work. A bystander found him slumped over the wheel of the truck and called 911. Employee was diagnosed with dehydration and pneumonia.

#### Fall lower level ladder

- Employee was using a fixed ladder to take copper piping to the roof. He missed a rung on the ladder and fell approximately 6' fracturing his neck, back and pelvis.

#### Fall through surface

- Employee was working in the attic of a home installing HVAC equipment. He stepped onto an un-decked section of the attic and fell through the ceiling to the floor approximately 12' below fracturing several

ribs and his left forearm. His right wrist was injured and he had lacerations on his face above his left eye and on his lower lip and inside the mouth.

Struck by moving object or equipment

- Employee was trouble shooting an interlock switch on a HVAC unit and sustained an amputation of the pinky finger tip on the left hand while closing the door panel to a the HVAC unit.

Struck by shifting load or equipment

- Installing air handler on 2nd floor of building using an all-terrain fork lift truck. Equipment had been placed on 12x12 skate and moved to placement pad. When unit was set on the pad they did not ensure that weight was properly distributed and supported by accounting for the coil overhanging the base support and weight not being properly distributed. The equipment shifted and struck a worker causing fractures to wrist, forearm, elbow, and leg with laceration to the forehead.

### **238290 - Other Building Equipment Contractors**

Fall lower level structure or equipment

- Employee assembling a crane was accessing the super structure of the outrigger to get a better view and fell 9' to the ground.

### **238310 - Drywall and Insulation Contractors**

Caught between

- Employee went to close the breaking machine. When he grabbed the handle he reached over the top of the machine to secure the handle with his left hand. He then pulled the handle and he lost his balance causing the right hand to slip into the pinch point amputating the tip of his right pinky finger.

Fall lower level stairs

- Employee was in the process of bringing trash down a stairwell when he stumbled and fell down five steps landing on his head suffering a brain hemorrhage, fracture to cheekbone, and swelling on right side of head and eye.

Fall on same level

- The employee was installing metal jacketing onto a 12" plumbing line. He was on a slope and lost his footing and rolled his ankle underneath him dislocating and fracturing the right ankle.

### **238320 - Painting and Wall Covering Contractors**

Fall lower level ladder

- Painter at residential site was working from a damaged 32' extension ladder missing footings. While he was reaching, the ladder slipped out from under him and he fell 14' fracturing his hip, pelvis, and humerus bones.

Struck by moving object or equipment

- The employee was hooking blinds on an elevator lift to assemble. When the elevator lift was lowered the employee's left ring finger was next to a stop and the finger was partially amputated.

## **238910 - Site Preparation Contractors**

Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects

- Employee was on break sitting on side of the trailer with his arm resting on the ramp. The driver got into truck began to back up. He saw an employee in side mirror but not the skid steer behind the trailer and when he backed the truck up the employee's right arm was caught between skid steer and trailer dislocating his right shoulder and abnormal swelling.

Exposure to heat – environmental

- Employee was working outside weed eating a pond area. He was feeling dizzy and threw up a couple of times. He reported back to work the next day and got dizzy and was unresponsive and hospitalized for heat stress and dehydration.

## **238990 - All Other Specialty Trade Contractors**

Burns chemical

- A tank car was being overloaded and the employee noticed the vent was leaking. He proceeded to close the secondary valve to isolate the leak instead of immediately stopping the loading. He put his safety harness on and pulled the probe up to close the valve and isolate the leak. When he pulled the probe up, he heard a pop and the vent hose blew off spraying him with acetic acid causing first and second degree burns to lower legs and feet.

Caught between stationary and moving equipment or objects

- Employee was operating a forklift with a hopper attachment to dump trash in a dumpster. While releasing the handle to allow dumping, the employee placed his left hand between the hopper and the forklift fork to reach up to release the lever. When it released, the weight shifted, pinching his left ring finger between the hopper and the forklift fork crushing his left ring finger resulting in amputation of the tip.

Struck by flying object

- The injured employee was hydro blasting a 2" line with a lance at approximately 18,000 psi. The tip inadvertently exited the pipe striking him in the left arm causing blunt force abrasion and possible water injection.
- Crew was performing pipeline pigging to commission a newly installed pipeline. Pig was over-pressured by the air compressor causing high pressure water to open the restraint device on the pipeline striking an employee outside the barricaded area causing injuries to head, torso and leg.

## FY 18 Top Four Federal OSHA Recordkeeping Most Frequently Cited

1904 Standard	Cited	Narrative
1904.39(a)(2)	742	Within twenty-four (24) hours after the in-patient hospitalization of one or more employees or an employee's amputation or an employee's loss of an eye, as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to OSHA.
1904.40(a)	153	When an authorized government representative asks for the records you keep under part 1904, you must provide copies of the records within 4business hours
1904.41(a)(2)	98	If your establishment had 20 or more employees but fewer than 250 employees at any time during the previous calendar year, and your establishment is classified in an industry listed in appendix A to subpart E of this part, then you must electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses to OSHA or OSHA's designee. You must submit the information once a year, no later than the date listed in paragraph (c) of this section of the year after the calendar year covered by the form.
1904.39(a)(1)	85	Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the fatality to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

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