

Severe injuries reported at Wisconsin poultry processing plants, 2015-17

Event Date	Employer	Address	City	State	Hospitalized	Amputation	Narrative
6/9/15	Jennie-O	1479 16th St.	Barron	WI	X		On 06-09-2015, an employee was hospitalized after being found unconscious near the work station. Possibly heat related.
5/20/16	Jennie-O	34 N. 7th St.	Barron	WI	X		On or about May 20, 2016, at 8:10 a.m., an employee was operating a walkie rider pallet jack in walkie mode when the pallet jack backed over him. His left leg was pinned between the jack and a large metal tank, requiring hospitalization and surgery.
7/22/16	Jennie-O	35 N. 7th St.	Barron	WI	X		An employee was climbing down a fixed, industrial ladder and fell approximately 6 feet to the concrete floor. The employee was hospitalized for a fractured right ankle and arterial damage.
8/15/17	Jennie-O	1932 16th Ave.	Cameron	WI	X		An employee fell while loading turkeys into a truck, suffering head trauma and requiring hospitalization.
3/11/16	Brakebush Bros.	N4993 6th Dr.	Westfield	WI		X	An employee was jogging a packaging machine and feeding film through it when his hand contacted the cutter, amputating his fingertip.
3/24/17	Brakebush Bros.	N4993 6th Dr.	Westfield	WI	X		An employee and a coworker attempted to re-activate a dock plate after servicing the hydraulic pump. The employees removed their lockout devices and found that the dock plate would not lower. The injured employee went underneath the dock plate to attempt to adjust it to lower properly. As he was in the process of doing this task, the dock plate fell onto his body, puncturing his lung, breaking ribs, and breaking his left scapula.
12/27/16	Gold'n Plump	209 N. 3rd St.	Arcadia	WI		X	On December 27, 2016, at approximately 10:50 p.m., an employee was changing the shackles on an evisceration line when his right thumb was amputated by the line. The shackle line was not turned off at the time of the incident.
8/15/17	Pilgrim's - Gold'n Plump Business Unit	209 N. 3rd St.	Arcadia	WI	X		An employee was switching a tank connection from natural gas to propane when the gas ignited, causing thermal burns to his left and right hands.

[Source: Severe Injury Reports, Jan. 1, 2015-Aug. 31, 2017, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)