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Please post or distribute this important information on injuries/incidents.

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Large abrasion to arm (1 worker); small puncture wound to head (1 worker)

Core Activity : Blasting
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007101920106
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

A blast caused substantial fly rock. Two workers sustained minor injuries, and several pieces of mobile equipment were damaged.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Site services
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007122700169
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

A site service contractor dug up a residential natural gas line, breaking the line and causing an evacuation of the area.

Injury Type : Neck and back injuries
Core Activity : Institutional construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007145130281
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

Young worker (ages 15-24)
1 year's experience at this task

As a young worker on a concrete form attempted to cross from one work platform to another, the worker fell approximately 11 feet.

Injury Type : Fractured wrist, cut/abrasion to head

Core Activity : Structural concrete forming
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007145130277
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

A worker fell 5 feet from a shoring frame while trying to lift a 4x6 timber onto the support saddle.

Injury Type : Concussion, head laceration
Core Activity : Roofing estimation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007158880246
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

A worker accessed a second-floor roof using a fire escape ladder. The ladder was attached to rotting fascia board covered in metal. The fascia board gave way, and the worker fell to the pavement below.

Injury Type : Fractured arm and ribs
Core Activity : Framing or residential forming
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007159480035
Date of Accident : 2007-Jul

A worker stepped out onto roof skirting, slipped on a piece of plastic lying on the sheathing, and fell to grade approximately 19 feet below. The worker was wearing a fall protection harness but was not tied off.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Crane truck operation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157560301
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A truck-mounted crane had just delivered roofing material. As it attempted to move away, the boom, which had not been stowed, hooked overhead power lines servicing the house under construction. The driver saw sparks, stopped the vehicle, and waited inside the cab until utility crews arrived.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Plumbing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007117640275
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A plumber was pressure-testing a 6-inch water service when it exploded, sending shrapnel into the work area. The PVC pipe was rated for 230 psi. The pressure was at 180 psi when the pipe exploded.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Residential construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007155700182

Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

An articulating boom crane was offloading construction material when it tipped onto its passenger side. The passenger-side outrigger had not been deployed fully horizontally.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : High-rise construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007037470199
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A zoom-boom forklift picked up a column, then backed over a small bank. As the wheels dropped over the edge, the forklift tipped onto its side.

Injury Type : Amputated fingertip
Core Activity : Log home construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007131490177
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 1 week's experience at this task

A young worker was operating a jointing machine to edge process a long board. As the worker was manually feeding the board through the machine, the worker lost control of the board. As the worker attempted to regain control of the board, the worker's fingertip contacted the machine's cutting head.

Sections 3.22 to 3.25 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation deal with training and orientation of young or new workers. These sections of the Regulation came into effect on July 26, 2007. A guideline to help implement them is available at:

<http://www2.worksafefbc.com/Publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart3.asp#SectionNumber:G3.23>