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

CONSTRUCTION

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Injury Type : Facial laceration  
Core Activity : Residential wood frame construction  
Location : Vancouver Island  
ID Number : 2007159110079  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

As a rolling scaffold was being repositioned, a tool fell from the work platform and struck a worker.

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Injury Type : Fatal  
Core Activity : Wood-frame construction  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007129160141  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A worker fell through a large opening in the second floor and landed approximately 13 feet below.

See a hazard alert poster about a similar incident in which a worker was seriously injured: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g596.htm>

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Injury Type : Broken shoulder, laceration, bruising  
Core Activity : Roofing  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007129160136  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A worker wearing personal fall protection slipped on the wet surface of an unguarded roof and fell off. His lifeline had too much slack, and he free-fell 13 feet, bouncing off a dormer partway down. His fall

was stopped when he was approximately 3 feet above the ground. A lifeline should be adjusted at the rope grab to ensure that the total length is not greater than the distance to the roof edge.

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Injury Type : Fractured ankles  
Core Activity : Industrial construction  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007122700295  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A worker lost his footing on a ladder and slid 12 feet down the ladder rails.

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Injury Type : Fractured leg  
Core Activity : Concrete formwork  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007122700296  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

As a worker was accessing a work platform, a guardrail came loose. The worker fell approximately 12 feet to a concrete slab.

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Injury Type : Soft-tissue injury to ankle  
Core Activity : Cutting pipe  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007158880468  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

Young worker (ages 15-24)  
More than 2 years' experience at this task

A young worker was using a cutting torch to cut in half a reclaimed pipe pile (120 feet long, 24 inches in diameter). The worker completed half the cut, then moved to the opposite side of the pipe. This put the worker between the pipe being cut and another 24-inch pipe pile yet to be cut. The pipe being cut, which had not been chocked, rolled and struck the worker.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Truss hoisting  
Location : Northern BC  
ID Number : 2007154930381  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

As a truck-mounted crane with a telescoping boom hoisted trusses, it

two-blocked. The hoist line was damaged.

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Injury Type : Broken ribs, injury to chest wall  
Core Activity : Excavation work  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007145130399  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

Young worker (ages 15-24)  
Worker's experience at this task is unknown

A young worker fell into an excavation and landed on a concrete block 20 feet below.

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Injury Type : Concussion; several fractured bones; collapsed lung;  
internal organ injury  
Core Activity : Residential framing  
Location : BC  
ID Number : 2007097990230  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A worker fell 3 metres from an unguarded scaffold. He struck the deck below and then fell an additional 4.5 metres to ground. The total fall was 7.5 metres (25 feet).

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Injury Type : Fractured pelvis  
Core Activity : Installation of drain pipe  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007157410184  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

Young worker (ages 15-24)  
Worker's experience at this task is unknown

Two workers were installing concrete pipe in a trench measuring 190 feet long, 6 feet wide, and 7 feet deep. A 20-foot section of the trench wall failed, burying one of the workers (a young worker) up to his chest. Other workers extracted the worker and called emergency services.

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Injury Type : Amputation of one finger, crushing of two fingers  
Core Activity : Rock blasting  
Location : Central Interior  
ID Number : 2007116120258  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

As a worker cleared pieces of rock from around the stationary bit of a rock drill, the drill's shroud dropped down onto his fingers.

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Injury Type : Fractured arm, leg  
Core Activity : Siding installation  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007114550219  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A worker slid off a roof with a 6/12 pitch and fell approximately 18 feet.

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Injury Type : Fractured ribs; injuries to arm and ankle  
Core Activity : Mechanical work  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007137102260  
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

A welder was walking in the attic of a commercial building, stepping on trusses approximately 36 inches apart. His foot slipped and he fell through the drywall ceiling and landed on the concrete floor 16 feet below. There was no adequate walkway or work platform.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Tunnelling  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007114550218  
Date of Accident : 2007-Sep

A 100-ton truck-mounted hydraulic crane tipped over while placing a 500-pound pump in a settling pond.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Road construction  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007114550215  
Date of Accident : 2007-Sep

A 100-ton conventional crane truck contacted overhead 60-kV power lines that crossed the highway.

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Injury Type : Fractured pelvis, soft-tissue injuries to back and legs

Core Activity : Condominium construction  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2007157270234  
Date of Accident : 2007-Sep

A forklift was being used to raise a gang-form panel. After the panel was unhooked from the raised forks, the operator retracted the forklift's outriggers. The forklift tipped forward, striking a nearby worker.