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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavating
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007107970279
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

An excavator hit the nipple of a 2-inch main gas line. Underground utilities had been located prior to excavation.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Moving fly tables
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157550170
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A hydraulic hand jack fell from the 7th floor of a condominium tower while workers attempted to move the fly table.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007122700135
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

The telescoping boom of a self-propelled, boom-supported elevating work platform buckled.

Injury Type : Sore back
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007154960182
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A worker was running new electrical wiring to a rooftop heating unit. While on a fixed ladder that provided access to a ventilation system enclosure, he slipped and fell approximately 6-8 feet. He was working alone, but fortunately he was able to use a cell phone to call for assistance. The fire department high-angle rescue team attended the scene and retrieved the worker from the enclosed space.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Blasting
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007114550149
Date of Accident : 2007-May

Fly rock from blasting reportedly took out one of three overhead 25-kV power lines.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae and foot; dislocated fingers
Core Activity : Framing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007155400201
Date of Accident : 2007-May

A worker was installing blocking between the trusses of the second floor of a building under construction. He fell to the ground. There were no guardrails and there was no fall protection system in place.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavator digging test holes for site development
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007152480170
Date of Accident : 2007-May

An excavator was digging test holes when it contacted a 25-kV conductor.

Injury Type : Fractured wrist, dislocated shoulder
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007154970246
Date of Accident : 2007-May

A worker was sheathing an 8/12 pitched roof. While using his nail gun on plywood, he slipped on accumulated sawdust and fell approximately 11 feet to the ground below. A fall protection system was not available.

Injury Type : Broken ankle, abrasions
Core Activity : Rewiring existing HVAC system
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007154960158
Date of Accident : 2007-May

A worker was working on a heating and ventilation system in an attic space, where one section of the floor was one foot higher than the rest of the flooring. The worker stepped down to the lower level onto an unmarked wood ceiling cover. The cover released and the worker fell through the opening, landing 10 feet below on the concrete slab.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures of foot
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007156160149
Date of Accident : 2007-May

A worker was on the ground assisting a rubber-tracked skid-steer loader to place large concrete block barriers (each approximately 2 feet by 8 feet and weighing 3,000 pounds). As one block was offloaded, it contacted a block already on the ground. The block on ground tipped over, crushing the foot of the worker on the ground. The rated lifting capacity of the equipment was only 2,500 pounds.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Trenching prior to utility connection
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2007154930166
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

An excavator contacted an unmarked underground gas line, causing a release of natural gas.