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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Wood-frame construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008115132090
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

At a construction site, a forklift was unloading building materials from a flatbed truck. In the process, the forklift backed into a 4-foot-deep excavation, toppled, and landed upside down.

Injury Type : Fractured pelvis, leg; head injuries
Core Activity : Insulation work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008145130093
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A worker was installing batt insulation. He was working outside the guardrails and was not wearing personal fall protection equipment. The worker fell approximately 20 feet down a stairwell.

Injury Type : Fractured leg, head contusion
Core Activity : Retrieving roofing supplies at warehouse
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008105910065
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A worker had been asked to hold 10 sheets of plywood stacked vertically against a wall. While a co-worker was retrieving a specific sheet of plywood, the 10 sheets started to fall forward. The worker holding the stack moved backwards and caught one foot in the rungs of

a ladder lying on the floor. He fell backwards and the sheets of plywood landed on top of him.

Injury Type : Head injury
Core Activity : Commercial construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008119700024
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A worker was adjusting stair risers when he fell through a stair opening to the second floor landing, which was 7.5 feet below.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008114550049
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

An excavator with a hammer-and-drill attachment was travelling on a highway with the drill rig attachment in the vertical position. The attachment snagged a telecommunications line that crossed the highway, breaking a power pole and bringing down the neutral and 12-kV lines.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Gravel hauling
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008158820077
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A dump truck left a residential worksite with its box raised. The truck travelled down several streets, pulling down numerous telecommunications lines. The box eventually snagged a power line, which stopped the truck. Several power poles and high-voltage wires were severed and torn down.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Lifting fuel tank
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008154850040
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A 22-ton truck-mounted hydraulic crane was attempting to lift a horizontal fuel tank (weighing 34,000 pounds) off a low-bed truck trailer. The bolts holding the crane turntable broke and the boom came down on the fuel tank.

Injury Type : Scrapes and bruises
Core Activity : Siding installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008162000080
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A worker was installing siding on the gable end of a house, working from a ladder set up on a scaffold work platform. The worker fell 16 feet onto a concrete walkway. The scaffold was not suitable for the work performed and did not meet acceptable standards.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete pumping
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157530058
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

A fully extended concrete pump truck lost stability and tipped over. A locking mechanism did not engage when the stabilizer was fully extended, and the worker had not been trained to verify that the locking mechanism was engaged.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to leg
Core Activity : Water well drilling
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008105210010
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

During drilling of a water well, the drop hammer (weighing 2,200 pounds) free-fell. A worker's leg was pinned between the drop hammer and the holding table.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Installing and operating swing-stage work platform
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950062
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

Four workers were raising a suspended swing-stage work platform from the ground to an intermediate roof location. As the work platform was raised, a wire rope suspension line supporting the swing-stage equipment contacted a 12-kV power line and broke. The power line fell to the ground near the swing-stage equipment.

Injury Type : Bruised back
Core Activity : Unloading steel rebar from delivery vehicle
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950063
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A worker was standing on a load of reinforcing steel rebar on a flatbed trailer. As the worker tried to untangle material on the trailer, he fell to the ground (about 8 feet) and landed on his back.

Injury Type : Minor injuries to hip, leg
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008112850037
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

A worker was chipping concrete while standing on a folding ladder. The ladder collapsed, and the worker fell about 5 feet.