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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Head trauma
Core Activity : Exterior painting
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155070040
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A painter working from a ladder fell 22 feet to grade.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete placing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008117080079
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

As concrete was being placed in a blind wall form, the end bulkhead of the wall form collapsed.

Injury Type : Fatal
Core Activity : Traffic control
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008113830048
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A motor vehicle struck a traffic control person.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete pumping
Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008155070036
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

The boom of a concrete pump truck contacted a 12-kV overhead power line. The conductor was not severed and no one was injured.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete pumping
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950059
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A concrete pump was placing concrete on the sixth floor of a residential highrise building under construction. The boom of the concrete pump collided with the counter-jib (rear horizontal machinery arm) of a tower crane.

Injury Type : Head injury, fractures, internal injuries
Core Activity : House renovation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155070034
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A worker fell 17.5 feet from the eaves of a low-slope roof onto a concrete driveway.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavation of dirt road preparing for concrete pour
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008113830052
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

An excavator was attempting to remove a power company protective post. The underground wires were displaced, and the primary lines in the transformer exploded.

Injury Type : Severe concussion
Core Activity : Highrise construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157560055
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A worker was crouching below one end of a 16-foot-long 4x6 that had been set on a stack of scaffold material 4 to 5 feet high. As a second worker dropped the opposite end of the 4x6, the end near the crouching

worker came off the stack and struck the back of the worker's neck.

Injury Type : Elbow and knee injury
Core Activity : Metal deck installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008117080056
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A worker was using a lifeline and rope grab attached to the D-ring on his full-body safety harness. As he was walking on an I-beam, his lifeline got snagged and he fell about 15 feet to grade. His fall was not arrested by his fall protection system because the lifeline was too slack.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae
Core Activity : Bridge and overpass construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008128230070
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

A worker was accessing the roof of an 8-foot-high storage container using a 16-foot extension ladder. The ladder had not been secured, and as the worker stepped off the ladder onto the roof, the base of the ladder slipped out. The worker fell 8 feet to the concrete floor. See a list of resources about safe use of ladders:
<http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g661.htm>