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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Facial lacerations

Core Activity : Storm sewer installation

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 200815756020

Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

A worker was injured when the gas-powered cutoff saw he was operating kicked back. The diamond-tooth saw blade (14 inches in diameter) caught his face. The worker was wearing safety glasses, and the guard was in place on the saw.

Injury Type : Amputated finger

Core Activity : Residential construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008156730372

Date of Accident : 2008-Jul A worker was using a circular saw to cut shims when one finger contacted the blade.

Injury Type : Bruising, abrasions

Core Activity : Concrete pouring

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2008155980159

Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

As concrete was being placed for a suspended concrete roof slab (8 inches thick), part of the shoring collapsed. A worker was injured, and the concrete rebar mat and formwork fell 20 feet to the basement level.

Injury Type : Broken bones, internal injuries

Core Activity : Masonry construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008157560195

Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

Young worker (ages 15-24) Less than 6 months' experience at this task. A young worker fell 18 feet when he stepped on an unsupported scaffold plank. He had just adjusted the plank in preparation for raising a mast-climbing work platform past the braces anchoring the scaffold to the face of the building.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Residential wood-frame construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008157560198

Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

A 35-ton mobile truck crane tipped over during a lift. The crane boom crashed through both the wood-frame building under construction and the roof of the car wash next door. The load (a prefabricated bachelor suite, complete with floor, walls, windows, and patio door) was reduced to a pile of rubble when it landed in the parking lot between the two buildings.

Injury Type : Minor injuries

Core Activity : Bridge and culvert construction

Location : Northern BC

ID Number : 2008124490094

Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A rock truck was descending a steep grade when the brakes failed. To avoid running over other workers on the site, the operator steered the unit down a 30 percent slope off the road grade. The rock truck came to a stop in the creek at the bottom of the hill; the operator sustained minor injuries.

Injury Type : Temporary loss of consciousness, bruising, laceration

Core Activity : Wood frame construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008108440096

Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker was standing on a floor joist that he had not yet nailed into place on top of a wall. The end of the joist dislodged, and the worker and joist fell 8 feet to the floor below.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures, internal injuries

Core Activity : Plumbing

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008114550137

Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24) 1 year's experience at this task. A young worker fell through an opening in a metal Q-deck roof. The worker landed on the concrete slab about 26 feet below. No fall protection system was being used. See a hazard alert about an incident in which another young worker was seriously injured when he fell through a roof opening:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g730.htm>

Injury Type : Electric shock, lacerated arm

Core Activity : Store renovation

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008145130253

Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker was on a stepladder, removing a conduit elbow, when he contacted a live 347-volt conductor. The worker then fell to the ground (about 6 feet), injuring his arm.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae and ribs

Core Activity : Concrete formwork

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008122700116

Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker fell 13 feet from concrete falsework.

Injury Type : Cracked and broken bones, extensive bruising

Core Activity : Gravel trucking and excavating

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2008117640241

Date of Accident : 2008-May

The driver of a gravel truck was unhooking an equipment trailer from the truck when the gravel truck started moving away from him. He ran after the

vehicle, stepped onto the running board, and opened the door of the truck just as the door struck a tree. The driver was crushed between the tree and the truck's body and fell from the running board after the truck moved past the tree.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Concrete pumping

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008158880235

Date of Accident : 2008-May

As a concrete pump was placing concrete in a wallform, the boom contacted an overhead high-voltage power line.

Injury Type : Electrical burn to arm

Core Activity : Preparation for painting

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2008117640240

Date of Accident : 2008-May

A worker was caulking baseboards in a closet when his arm contacted an energized electrical wire. The worker sustained an electrical burn.