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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Fatal
Core Activity : Clearing parking lot of snow
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008152480028
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

A worker was looking into the rear engine compartment of a super-boom skid-steer tractor when the boom arms inadvertently lowered. The worker was crushed between a horizontal bar on the boom arms and the top of the engine compartment cover.

Injury Type : Bruising, abrasions
Core Activity : Exterior drywall installation
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008161290016
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

Drywall was being installed on the exterior of a commercial multi-storey building. An unmarked piece of plywood was lying on the concrete floor. A worker picked up the plywood, stepped forward, and fell through a ventilation opening (3 feet by 3 feet) to the concrete floor of the parkade 10 feet below.

See a hazard alert poster about a similar incident in which a worker was seriously injured:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g645.htm>

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Blasting for road construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008114550024

Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

Fly rock from a blast hit the first of three 14-kV overhead power lines. The force pushed the line off the insulator and against the centre power line, causing a power outage.

See a slide show about another fly rock incident:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g646.htm>

Injury Type : Broken foot
Core Activity : Residential wood framing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155270025
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 1 year's experience at this task

A young worker slipped on a frosty roof and slid to the unguarded roof edge. He then fell 20 feet to the ground.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebra
Core Activity : Steel frame erection
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008161980042
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

A worker fell approximately 10 feet from the ladder section of an end-frame scaffold.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Dam construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008143950011
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

A worker was preparing to move forms (weighing approximately 300 pounds) with a 25-ton boom truck. The back outriggers were down but not extended and the right front outrigger was down but not fully extended, so that vehicles could pass the truck. When the worker lifted the boom from its saddle and swung it to the right to pick up the forms, the truck tipped onto its right side.

Injury Type : Lacerated throat
Core Activity : Repairing tie holes on concrete parapet wall
Location : BC

ID Number : 2008161950017
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

A cement finisher was working at the third-floor level of a residential highrise building. The worker climbed onto a plastic bucket to disengage a fall protection system located just above this level, but slipped from the bucket. During the fall, the worker's neck struck the top edge of a concrete parapet wall.

Injury Type : Fractured leg
Core Activity : Construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008107970034
Date of Accident : 2008-Jan

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

A young worker was on a ladder, stripping a gang form. As the worker released the last wire holding the form, the form sprang loose, knocking the worker from the ladder. The worker fell approximately 8 feet to the ground.