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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Highrise residential construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008116120140
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

The roof of an external personnel hoist car struck the underside of a tower crane's boom. The hoist operator was bringing it to a stop at the top floor of the building when the incident occurred. The previous day, the tower crane had been lowered in four sections in preparation for final dismantling.

Injury Type : Bruising and sprain to leg
Core Activity : Paving
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008145130229
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker was raking freshly laid asphalt when a 20-ton rubber-tired roller ran over his leg.

Injury Type : Injuries to arm, leg, face
Core Activity : Re-roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155400194
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)

Less than 6 months' experience at this task

A new and young worker fell about 13 feet to the ground when he slipped off a roof in the rain. The worker had not been given any fall protection training or orientation.

Sections 3.22 to 3.25 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation deal with training and orientation of new (and young) workers. A guideline to help implement them is available at:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g722.htm>

Read a hazard alert about an incident in which a worker died when he slipped off a roof:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g723.htm>

Injury Type : Laceration to finger
Core Activity : Exterior painting
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155270179
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker was on a cedar shake roof (slope of 6:12) scraping paint from wood fascia at the outer face of a chimney. When the plastic drop sheet he was standing on slipped, the worker lost his balance and fell. He grabbed the aluminum gutter on his way down, but it broke away and he fell to the ground (about 15 feet). The worker was not using any fall protection.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Site preparation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008158880256
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

An excavator contacted an overhead 12.5-kV power line while installing a water service.

Injury Type : Electric shock
Core Activity : Commercial construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008114550130
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A backhoe contacted an underground 600-volt electrical conductor. The operator sustained an electric shock.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebra, contusions, lacerated hand

Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008137290167
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

A worker fell about 8 feet from an extension ladder.

Injury Type : Fractured arm (1 worker); bruises (1 worker)
Core Activity : Travelling from remote worksite
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008159010119
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)
1 month's experience at this task

Two workers were returning home from a remote worksite in a pickup truck when it was side-swiped by a vehicle that lost control while trying to pass. The passing lane was blocked by a third vehicle waiting to turn left at an intersection. The worker driving the pickup (a young worker) sustained arm injuries; the worker in the passenger seat was bruised.

Injury Type : Broken arm
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157560177
Date of Accident : 2008-Jun

On a construction site, a worker stepped onto an unsecured ladder to descend to a lower floor. The base of the ladder, which stood on a smooth concrete floor, slid outwards. The worker reached between the rungs to try to grab the upper floor as the ladder slid with his weight on it. His arm was caught between a rung and the upper floor.