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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavating
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950110
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

During sewer pipeline installation, an excavator's bucket contacted and ruptured a 42-mm natural gas line. A school and homes in the immediate area were evacuated.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavating
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008138190087
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

An excavator struck a natural gas line. The worksite and surrounding buildings were evacuated.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Stripping formwork
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008158880179
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A worker was stripping formwork when he stepped into a vent shaft blockout in a poured slab. A stripping crew had removed the shoring from below the blockout, leaving only the plywood. The plywood gave way and the worker fell about 8 feet to the slab below.

Injury Type : Head and neck injury
Core Activity : Concrete formwork
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008122700067
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A worker was on a work platform chipping a concrete column when he fell to the ground (6 feet).

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Excavating
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950106
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

An excavator was backfilling around a pre-cast concrete storm drain on a residential property. Its bucket contacted and ruptured a 2-inch natural gas line.

Injury Type : Fractured ribs (1 worker); bruising (1 worker)
Core Activity : Road maintenance
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008144250113
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

Workers were trying to unload culverts from a tractor-trailer when the culverts began to roll. They knocked one worker off the load of culverts and down off the trailer, then struck a second worker.

Injury Type : Collapsed lung
Core Activity : Plumbing, heating, and ventilation installation
Location : BC
ID Number : 2008122700054
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

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

Two workers were on a work platform on a construction site when one of the workers (a young worker) bumped into the second worker, knocking him off balance. The second worker swung his arm to stop himself from falling, and the nail gun he was using discharged into the young worker.

See a bulletin about preventing injuries from nail guns:

<http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g683.htm>

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Bridge viaduct construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157560114
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A crawler crane backed into construction equipment, causing extensive damage.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Tunnel boring
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008114550065
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A zoom-boom forklift fell onto its side while being repositioned. The boom was elevated at approximately 62 degrees, and the telescopic boom section was extended to approximately 4 metres, with a hose attached to the mast.

Injury Type : Multiple broken bones, head contusion
Core Activity : Installing exterior fibre insulation
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008161290044
Date of Accident : 2008-Mar

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

A young worker on a scaffold fell about 27 feet (8 metres) to the concrete slab below, striking two scaffold planks about halfway down. The scaffold had both guardrails and mid-rails.

Injury Type : Facial laceration
Core Activity : Land clearing and excavation
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008107970131
Date of Accident : 2008-Feb

Young worker (ages 15-24)
More than 2 years' experience at this task

A young worker was using a 20-pound cut-off saw to cut a 6-inch sewer

pipe. As the cut was almost complete, the pipe broke and pinched the blade. The saw kicked back and the blade lacerated the young worker's face.