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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Carpentry work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155070249
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

The boom of an aerial lift (a self-propelled elevating work platform) contacted an energized overhead low-voltage power line.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Land clearing and site preparation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008113830193
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

The boom of an excavator snagged an overhead utility line. Three poles were pulled down, and all the attached lines (high- and low-voltage) landed on the roadway. The operator had not received any electrical safety training.

Injury Type : Smoke inhalation (2 workers)
Core Activity : Tower crane operation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008117080244
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

An electrical fire occurred in the slip ring of a tower crane. The two workers who extinguished the fire were treated for smoke inhalation.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete highrise construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008154970414
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A concrete spandrel on the 18th floor shifted, pinching the wire securing the "C" clamp that aligned and levelled the spandrel. The clamp fell, bounced off a canopy at the 8th floor, then fell to street level, narrowly missing a pedestrian.

Injury Type : Serious injuries to hand
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008155980236
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

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

A young worker was using an impact hammer to pound a 6-foot grounding rod into the ground when his hand was seriously injured.

Injury Type : Internal injuries
Core Activity : Concrete placing and finishing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008122700161
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A worker was struck by a concrete lintel when formwork collapsed. The worker was knocked off the scaffold he was working on and landed on the ground 5 feet below.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebra, ankle
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008147050207
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A worker fell through a stairwell floor opening to the level below (about 9 feet).

Watch a short video in which a worker falls through a stairwell opening: <http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g767.htm>

Read an investigation report about a similar incident where the worker

died: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g768.htm>

Injury Type : Temporary loss of consciousness; broken vertebrae
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155400273
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

As a worker stepped into a utility trailer, he slipped on the wet floor and fell backwards. His head struck the pavement 1.5 feet below the floor of the trailer.

Injury Type : Minor injuries
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008163790018
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

A worker driving to a road construction site was involved a multi-vehicle accident.

Injury Type : Electrical burns
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008122700154
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

As a worker stripped a piece of BX cable, he contacted the enclosed live 347-volt electrical circuit.

Injury Type : Back injury, bruising
Core Activity : Framing and forming
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008129920190
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

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

A young worker fell 10.75 feet while helping to place a 17-foot-long exterior wall on the second floor of a building under construction.

Injury Type : Fractures, lacerations, contusions

Core Activity : Oil or gas pipeline construction or repair
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008156240203
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

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

The operator of a side-boom tracked crawler parked the machine and exited the cab. The machine began to roll forward. The operator (a young worker) tried to climb back onto the machine but fell on the track and was pulled between the track and the side-boom mounting structure.

Injury Type : Soft-tissue injuries
Core Activity : Building maintenance
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155400255
Date of Accident : 2008-Aug

A ladder had been set up on sand and was not secured. When it tilted over, the worker on it fell 10-12 feet.

Injury Type : Eye injury
Core Activity : Installation of site services
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008117640412
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

A worker was cutting 8-inch PVC pipe with an abrasive wheel designed for cutting steel. The wheel started to wobble, then shattered. The worker was wearing eye protection, but a piece of abrasive struck the protection with enough force to push it into one eye.