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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 : 2008155070187
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

An excavator was digging to expose sewer connections when it punctured a 1.5-inch gas line. The location of the gas line had not been accurately determined before excavating began.

Injury Type : Multiple broken bones
Core Activity : Residential re-roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157270253
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

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

A young worker was accessing a steep roof from a ladder. He stepped onto some loose material and fell backwards, landing on pavement about 20 feet below. No fall protection system was in place.
Read about an incident in which another young worker died in a similar fall: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g734.htm>

Injury Type : Soft-tissue injuries, abrasions
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008114550156
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

An excavator was being loaded onto a tilt-deck trailer when it tipped upside down. The operator sustained minor injuries.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Steel truss installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008114550159
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

A forklift was moving a steel truss. The forklift was in motion with its forks elevated when it tipped onto its side.

Injury Type : Bruising, scrapes, pain
Core Activity : Site preparation
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008157440164
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

The driver of a semi-trailer dump truck was injured when the truck flopped onto the driver's side while dumping a load of soil. The trailer was stationary on a grade of 9 to 10 percent (lateral grade, perpendicular to the trailer). The truck was stationary on a lesser grade.

Injury Type : Crush injury to finger
Core Activity : Multi-level commercial/residential construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157270241
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 1.5 years' experience at this task

A young worker was grooving a 6-inch steel pipe when one finger got caught in the rollers.

Injury Type : Fractured arm
Core Activity : Masonry
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008160850143
Date of Accident : 2008-Jul

A worker fell while carrying a bucket of mortar down a 14-foot ladder.