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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Serious burns
Core Activity : Scaffold installation
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2009140970018
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker was scaffolding an elevated pipe bridge at a pulp mill. As he was moving a 20-foot length of aluminum scaffold tube, it contacted an overhead 69-kV power line.

Injury Type : Chest and head injuries
Core Activity : Structural concrete forming
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009163710016
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker was stripping concrete formwork from the 5th floor. He was carrying a large piece of plywood when he tripped on a 2x4 and fell 11 feet, 9 inches to the floor below.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae

Core Activity : Welding services
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009122700014
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker on a roof had just unhooked his fall protection system when he slipped and fell to grade (17 feet).

Injury Type : Broken bones, internal injuries, lacerations
Core Activity : Structural concrete forming
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009157410011
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

During flytable erection, workers were separating one truss from a bundle of trusses resting against concrete columns. Six trusses (each 35 feet by 6 feet) fell over and struck one of the workers.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Highrise residential construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009118870033
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A self-erecting tower crane collapsed while placing a load (during the trolley out process).

Injury Type : Puncture wound to arm
Core Activity : Framing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009116120014
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker was coupling an air hose to a nail gun when the nail gun spontaneously fired. Neither the trigger nor the bump tip (safety) device was activated. The nail gun was pointed away from the worker but the nail ricocheted and struck the worker.

Injury Type : Undetermined injuries to head
Core Activity : Structural framing for renovation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009161770009
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker was installing screws into a metal framing bracket, standing on the second or third rung of a wooden stepladder. He fell off the ladder and his head struck a brick fireplace.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2009161980015
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

The main floor of a 2-storey wood frame housing unit collapsed into the basement and the second floor partly collapsed. No workers were on site at the time.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to legs
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009157270007
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

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

A young worker was unloading scaffold bracing from a cube van. A pickup truck driven by a non-worker backed into the worker, pinning his legs against the van.

Injury Type : Head and back injuries

Core Activity : Commercial construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009120030002
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

As a worker was installing formwork for a bellyard (light stand), he fell to the level below (7.8 feet).

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Snow removal
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008155980377
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A road grader was plowing snow from a road when its blade hooked a telecommunications line. One power pole was pulled to the ground, two others were broken, and energized power lines landed within 3 metres of the grader.

Injury Type : Possible exposure to asbestos fibres
Core Activity : Motel renovations
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008157580390
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

Drywall that contained asbestos joint compound was removed from several motel rooms with no precautions to prevent the release of asbestos fibres. The workers who removed the drywall were not protected, nor were different workers who later entered those rooms to complete other work. All may have been exposed to asbestos fibres.