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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Burns, broken bones, smoke inhalation (3 workers)

Core Activity : Industrial construction

Location : Fraser Valley

ID Number : 2009137102692

Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

As supper was being made at a remote work camp, a massive propane explosion occurred. Three workers were injured and camp trailers were destroyed.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Construction

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2008034450411

Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

When the boom support brake on a conventional crawler crane failed to hold, the boom contacted a building, and the 4,500-pound load slowly fell to grade. Inspection of the brake systems indicated that they may have been frozen, due to unusually cold temperatures.

Injury Type : Electrical injuries to hand
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008163710176
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A worker contacted an energized, unguarded 347-volt electrical wire. The electrical equipment had not been completely disconnected and locked out before work began.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Building materials delivery
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008161980469
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A 24-ton stiff boom crane truck was set up at a multi-unit residential complex under construction. All outriggers had been deployed, including the front jack. The right front outrigger had been set on a snowbank with the float at a 45-degree angle and about 1 foot off grade. The crane was hoisting a bundle of trusses to the second storey. As the load swung over the right side, the right front outrigger slid off the snowbank and the front of the crane truck slid on the ice. The right front side of the truck dropped about 1 foot. The operator quickly lowered the load, damaging a wood-framed wall in the process.

Injury Type : Electrical burns
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008117080330
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A worker contacted an energized high-voltage conductor in the main electrical room.

Injury Type : Facial injuries

Core Activity : Exterior brick veneer application
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161770591
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A worker was dismantling a work platform that was set up on top of an 8-foot-high scaffold. The worker fell to the ground (16 feet).

Injury Type : Concussion, multiple broken bones and lacerations (1 worker); broken arm, bruising (1 worker)
Core Activity : Bricklaying
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008155980363
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

Three workers were unloading bricks from a pallet that had been lifted to scaffolding on the third floor of the building. The workers were stacking the bricks on the scaffold walk boards when the scaffold collapsed. One worker fell 31 feet (to the ground), and another fell 10 feet (to the third floor). The third worker grabbed rebar on the wall and climbed down to the third floor.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Highrise window installation
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008116120295
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

During construction of a highrise building, a worker was using a concrete hammer drill to install angle track 2 inches from the edge of the 8th floor. He was standing bent over the drill when the drill bit broke and he fell over the edge. The worker fell about 2 floors before his lifeline became taut and the energy absorber deployed. The worker's fall was arrested 18 inches below the 5th floor, from which he was promptly rescued and found to be uninjured.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Road construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2008114550270

Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

A rubber-tired excavator contacted an overhead telecommunications line, separating it from the utility pole.