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## CONSTRUCTION

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Excavating  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009161770183  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

An excavator was digging a utilities trench for a home under construction when its bucket severed an energized conductor on the adjacent property.

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Injury Type : Broken wrist, contusions  
Core Activity : Roof truss placement  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009157410131  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

Workers were installing 47-foot wood trusses for a flat roof of a

2-storey commercial building. Nineteen trusses had been installed when 13 of them collapsed. A worker on top of the trusses fell about 22 feet.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Highrise construction  
Location : Vancouver Island  
ID Number : 2009154960202  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

On a highrise construction site, a temporary anchor and suspension line for an elevated work platform were being repositioned. The anchor and line fell to the ground (about 52 metres), causing extensive damage to an unoccupied vehicle parked beside the construction site.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Blasting  
Location : Central Interior  
ID Number : 2009119700102  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

Fly rock was thrown more than 100 metres from a blast site into the surrounding neighbourhood. Several homes were damaged. Watch a slide show about a similar fly rock incident:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g905.htm>

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Injury Type : Multiple fractures  
Core Activity : Power line installation

Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009113820151  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A worker fell more than 40 feet from a wooden utility pole.

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Injury Type : Broken ankle  
Core Activity : Steep slope roofing  
Location : Northern BC  
ID Number : 2009160670111  
Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)  
Worker's experience at this task is unknown

A young worker was preparing to leave a steep roof. He detached his fall protection and accessed an improperly secured ladder. The ladder kicked out and the worker fell 8 feet.

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Injury Type : Fractured pelvis and ribs  
Core Activity : Roofing  
Location : Central Interior  
ID Number : 2009116120162  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

Workers were replacing a residential roof with a steep slope (ratio of 7 vertical to 12 horizontal). As one worker was carrying a bundle of asphalt shingles, he fell from the roof to the ground (about 15 feet).

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Concrete pumping  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009124710182  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

While pumping concrete with its boom fully extended, a concrete pumper truck tipped over onto the pump side. The outriggers had not been fully deployed.

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Injury Type : Fractured leg  
Core Activity : Rock scaling  
Location : Central Interior  
ID Number : 2009034450190  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

Workers were positioned above each other while scaling a 600-foot vertical rock face. One worker was struck by a rock, which may have been dislodged by another worker or the repositioning of the injured worker's rope.

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Injury Type : Head injury, fractured ribs and vertebrae  
Core Activity : Residential construction  
Location : Vancouver Island  
ID Number : 2009137290087  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker fell through two stairwell openings, landing on the basement floor 22 feet below.

Read an investigation report about a similar incident:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g906.htm>

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Injury Type : Lacerated scalp  
Core Activity : Residential demolition  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009161760825  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

As an excavator was placing demolition debris in a garbage bin, a piece of the debris fell and struck a worker's head.

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Injury Type : Concussion, temporary loss of consciousness  
Core Activity : Framing or residential forming  
Location : Vancouver Island  
ID Number : 2009117640351  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker unhooked his fall protection lanyard to walk across a second-storey residential metal roof with a slope ratio of 4 vertical to 12 horizontal. The worker slipped and fell 18 feet from the edge of the roof, striking a ladder as he fell.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Pile drilling  
Location : Northern BC  
ID Number : 2009154930161  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

During pile drilling on a construction site, the drill's auger bit

contacted a natural gas distribution pipeline. No one was injured.

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Injury Type : Mild concussion  
Core Activity : Wood frame construction  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009124710177  
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A 12-foot beam was resting in a beam pocket on a top wall plate. As one end of it was being cut, the beam was dislodged and struck the hard hat of a passing worker.

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Injury Type : Fractured foot (2 workers)  
Core Activity : Drywall work  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2009155070070  
Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

Two drywallers fell 10 feet from a job-built wooden work platform. They landed on the concrete floor below, and each fractured a foot bone.