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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Fatal

Core Activity : Rock scaling

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009113820050

Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

Young worker (ages 15-24)

Worker's experience at this task is unknown

During scaling activities, a rock fatally struck a young worker.

Injury Type : Contusions, stiffness

Core Activity : Electrical work

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009112850045

Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

Young worker (ages 15-24)

More than 2 years' experience at this task

As a young worker descended a set of stairs, the stairs dislodged from both the upper and lower attachment points. The worker fell 15 feet down the stairwell. The stairs had been detached in preparation for

removal and replacement but no effective guarding was in place to prevent inadvertent use.

Injury Type : Lacerated fingers
Core Activity : Building construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009137290035
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

A worker's fingers were lacerated as he used an angle grinder to cut along the perimeter of a window frame.
See a hazard alert about another incident involving an angle grinder:
<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/Posters.asp?ReportID=34966>

Injury Type : Cracked rib
Core Activity : Steel building work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009157530038
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

A worker was tied to a steel structure while working on a roof. The structure fell away from the building and the worker was pulled off the building. The worker fell 43 feet and landed in a fresh excavation pile.

Injury Type : Fractured foot, lacerations
Core Activity : Low slope roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009163710031
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

A worker was relocating a 100-foot propane hose (attached to a portable torch) on a roof. The worker tripped, fell through the plastic pane of the skylight, and landed on the floor about 19 feet below.

Injury Type : Injuries to ankle and back
Core Activity : Installation of roof vents
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009116120031
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

A worker was installing vents on a roof with a pitch of 8/12. He slid off the roof and fell a total distance of about 32 feet from the roof peak to the ground. The workplace did not have the required written fall protection plan.

Injury Type : Swelling
Core Activity : Operation of front-end loader
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009163640039
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

A front-end loader was scraping debris from a paved road. The leading edge of the bucket struck a catch basin, jarring the machine and causing the operator to strike his head inside the cab.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures
Core Activity : Stringing pipe
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2009144250021
Date of Accident : 2009-Feb

Workers were laying 24-inch-diameter pipe using a pipeline side boom unit. As the side boom moved forward to get a shorter piece of pipe off a tractor-trailer, its rear lifting hook inadvertently caught a longer piece of pipe. The longer pipe was pulled forward, pinning a worker against the bulkhead of the tractor-trailer unit.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Tower crane operation
Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009114550024
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A tower crane was discovered to have a large crack (3 to 5 feet long) in the welded connection of the ring gear mounting flange just behind the turntable bolts.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Avalanche control
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009163050023
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

An avalanche control blast was set off at a ski hill operation. The blast damaged a lift operator's shack 40 metres away, but the three workers inside the shack were not injured. The blaster had underestimated the blast concussion that would result from the amount of explosive used.

Injury Type : Eye injury
Core Activity : Framing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009112850005
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A framer was working above another worker. A nail from the framer's nail gun deflected and struck the worker below him.
See a bulletin about preventing injuries from nail guns:
<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/Posters.asp?ReportID=34835>

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Mobile crane operation
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009118870084
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

At a construction site, a mobile crane was placing a load when the

operator heard a noise. Subsequent inspection of the boom revealed a structural failure of about 2 inches by 22 inches at the edge of the welded boom.