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CONSTRUCTION □-----

Injury Type : Lacerations to both legs □

Core Activity : Fence installation □

Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009110750593 □

Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

A worker was using a 5-inch angle grinder equipped with a 7-inch □ cutting wheel to disassemble a wrought-iron fence. The worker had □ completed partial cuts to three sections of fence when the fence fell □ onto the worker. The 900-pound section of fence pinned the worker to □ the ground, and the grinder landed atop the worker with the switch □ locked in the "on" position. The grinder was being used without guards □ because of the oversized blade. □ Read a hazard alert about a worker who died while using a handheld □ grinder to cut a wrought-iron fence: □ <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g936.htm>

Injury Type : Close call □

Core Activity : Site surface preparation □

Location : Central Interior □ ID Number : 2009116120253 □

Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

An excavator was travelling along a roadway. As it crested the top of □ a

hill, its boom contacted an overhead 7.2-kV power line.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Excavating

Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2009131490305

Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

A skid-steer front-end loader with an auger attachment was digging a hole for the installation of school playground equipment. The auger contacted an energized underground conductor.

Injury Type : Undetermined injuries

Core Activity : Wood frame construction

Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009155730167

Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

A homeowner was laying out floor joists on the second floor of a home under construction when he stepped backward onto an unsecured joist that twisted. He fell about 20 feet to gravel below. No form of fall protection was in use.

Injury Type : Broken ribs, lung injury

Core Activity : Siding installation

Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009117080238

Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

A worker was installing siding while standing on a manufactured sawhorse (about 3 feet above grade). The sawhorse was resting on uneven and unstable ground. The worker fell off the sawhorse, onto a wooden crate.

Injury Type : Close call□

Core Activity : Excavating□

Location : Central Interior□ID Number : 2009155980282□

Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

An excavator was digging drainage for a commercial business when it□ruptured a 2-inch gas main.

Injury Type : Minor injuries to head□

Core Activity : Home renovation□

Location : Lower Mainland□ID Number : 2009155730154□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

A worker was standing on a ladder pulling nails from wood siding. The□worker slipped and fell 4 feet to the concrete surface below.

Injury Type : Head injury□

Core Activity : Painting□

Location : Lower Mainland□ID Number : 2009113830162□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

A worker was on a ladder (16 feet above ground) painting fascia boards□on a house when the ladder slipped out from under him.

Injury Type : Close call□

Core Activity : Gantry crane operation□

Location : Lower Mainland□ID Number : 2009137102866□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

An employer-manufactured gantry hoist was hoisting and moving a power generator (60–70 tons) when the structure failed. The load fell, narrowly missing workers.

Injury Type : Possible concussion

Core Activity : Land clearing

Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2009160850155

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A coiled hose (6 inches in diameter, 50 feet long) was being hoisted in a sling attached to a backhoe. The hose was not secured, and its metal end fitting slipped out of the sling and struck a worker. Fortunately, the worker was wearing protective head gear.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Building demolition

Location : Vancouver Island ID Number : 2009110750430

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

During building demolition, a heavy-gauge metal stud (2 inches by 8 inches by 16 feet) was being lowered to the ground. A knot securing the stud came undone and the stud fell, narrowly missing a non-worker on the sidewalk.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Plumbing

Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2009116120188

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A worker was soldering a plumbing fitting in a residential basement. The small torch bottle caught fire, and the flame did not extinguish when the

trigger was released. The worker dropped the flaming cylinder and left the building. The torch bottle exploded, blowing out stucco from around the exterior wall along the basement sill plates. No one else was in the building.

Injury Type : Serious burns Core Activity : Low slope roofing

Location : BC ID Number : 2009140970177

Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was on a roof inspecting a power boiler stack when condensate (extremely hot water from the boiler) discharged from the stack.

Injury Type : Concussion, multiple fractures, lacerations

Core Activity : Low slope roofing

Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009165410079

Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker fell from a residential roof 30 feet above the ground. He struck another roof 10 feet down then fell the remaining 20 feet to the concrete surface below