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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Fractured foot, sore back Core Activity : Roof repair Location :
Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010155730050 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

A worker climbed an unsecured ladder to access the roof work area. As he transitioned from the ladder to the roof, the ladder became unstable, causing the worker to fall to the driveway below (about 10 feet).

Injury Type : Broken ribs, possible internal injuries Core Activity : Land clearing
Location : Vancouver Island ID Number : 2010117640181 Date of Accident :
2010-Mar

An excavator equipped with a brush rake was working to clear land. A tree top (8.5 feet long by 5.5 inches in diameter) was ejected from the excavator bucket and struck a ground worker about 15 feet away.

Injury Type : Fractured wrist and shoulder bone Core Activity : Roofing Location :
Vancouver Island ID Number : 2010120030082 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

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

A young worker was installing a tarp on a roof. While working from an extension ladder, the worker fell to the ground (8 feet).

Injury Type : Fractured pelvis (1 worker); severely bruised back and chest, sprained ankle (1 worker); back strain (1 worker) Core Activity : Demolition Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010165420049 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

2 Young workers (ages 15-24) Less than 1 year's experience at this task

Three workers (including two young workers) were demolishing an old, free-standing carport when it became unstable and collapsed onto two of the workers.

Injury Type : Facial injuries, sore back, swollen leg Core Activity : Wood-frame construction Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010161761147 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

A worker operating a forklift on a construction site was assaulted by a worker of a different employer on the site.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to hand Core Activity : Drilling holes for pilings Location : Northern BC ID Number : 2010153370072 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

A worker was assisting a piling rig operator (rat hole drill rig) with laying down the rig mast for repair work. As the worker repositioned a support stand for the rig mast, his hand was crushed between the stand and the mast.

Injury Type : Close call Core Activity : Excavating Location : Northern BC ID Number : 2010154930102 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

An underground gas distribution pipeline was struck during excavating. The area around the gas release was evacuated until the utility company's workers could repair the damaged pipeline.

Injury Type : Close call Core Activity : Excavating Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2010155980064 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

An excavator was digging near a property line when its bucket ruptured a 60 mm propane gas main.

Injury Type : Minor concussion, cuts, and bruises Core Activity : Pile driving
Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010160580062 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A 70-foot hydraulic pile driving unit mounted on an excavator-type carrier was travelling on uneven ground when it became unstable and flipped over. Upon impact, the 40-foot bottom feed pile hopper and tube attachment came through the operator's cab window, narrowly missing the operator.

Injury Type : Leg injury Core Activity : Traffic control Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2010163710040 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A traffic control person was struck by a motor vehicle while working at a checkpoint.

Injury Type : Burns to upper body (2 workers) Core Activity : Installation of new
meter base Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010166970015 Date of
Accident : 2010-Feb

Young worker (ages 15-24) Less than 1 year's experience at this task

Two workers were pulling electrical conductors into a 3-phase 600-volt splitter box, for the installation of a new meter base and switch. The neutral conductor contacted a live bus bar, producing an electric arc flash explosion that burned both workers (one of them a young worker).

Injury Type : Inhalation of sulfur dioxide gas (2 workers) Core Activity : Rail car
repair and maintenance Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2010111970047
Date of Accident : 2010-Jan

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

Two workers (one of them a young worker) were exposed to sulfur dioxide gas on two separate occasions while repairing rail cars.