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Injuries at Work

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Injury Type : Internal injuries

Core Activity : Commercial construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010158880199 Date of Accident : 2010-May

A worker was struck by a vehicle while carrying plywood sheets across a street.

Injury Type : Bruising to arm, leg

Core Activity : Traffic control

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2010131490201 Date of Accident : 2010-May

A traffic control person was struck by a vehicle while controlling traffic at the intersection of a highway and a road.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Residential construction

Location : Northern BC

ID Number : 2010166350085 Date of Accident : 2010-May

A worker was working in a trench constructed in sandy soil. The trench was about 12 feet long, 3 feet wide and 11 feet deep. Excavated material was piled about 4 feet high directly adjacent to the trench. Shortly after the worker exited the trench, a large slab of the excavation broke free and caved in where the worker had been crouched down only minutes before.

Injury Type : Numerous cuts, scrapes, and bruises

Core Activity : Hauling gravel

Location : Northern BC

ID Number : 2010144250092 Date of Accident : 2010-May

A rock truck lost power and steering while moving material in a gravel pit. As a result, the truck drove over an embankment in the pit. Emergency personnel had to extricate the driver from the rock truck.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Structural repairs

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010158880165 Date of Accident : 2010-May

A worker was carrying a piece of metal flashing up an exterior fire escape at the rear of a building when the flashing contacted a 7.2-kV overhead power line.

Injury Type : Fractured shoulder, collarbone

Core Activity : Carpentry

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010155070141 Date of Accident : 2010-May

Two workers were checking the security of an existing deck railing that the property owner wanted to have replaced. As the two leaned against the railing to view the outboard railing fasteners, the railing detached. One worker fell about 15 feet to grade.

Injury Type : Fractured ribs, legs, finger; punctured lung

Core Activity : Wood frame renovations

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010128230200 Date of Accident : 2010-Apr

A worker fell from the third level of a scaffold system when the guardrail he grabbed for balance failed.

Injury Type : Back and foot injuries

Core Activity : Insulation work

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010110750319 Date of Accident : 2010-Mar

A worker was at the 15-foot level of a ladder that was standing on leaves on top of concrete. The ladder was not tied off at the top. As the worker applied pressure to the wall he was working on, the ladder slid out at the bottom. The worker rode the ladder to the ground.