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November 2013 Incident Reports from WorkSafeBC

These reports, which are summaries of workplace incidents, serve as a valuable reminder of the need for workplace health and safety.

The reports are useful for Toolbox Talks, Health & Safety Committee discussions, and especially for the orientation of new workers.

Please feel free to post the information on your Safety Bulletin Boards.

This Report covers incidents that occurred in the month of November 2013.

Injury: Concussion, injuries to vertebrae

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: New roof installation

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker fell 10 feet, 4 inches to grade from a job-built scaffold.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013166920276

Injury: Close call

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Excavation

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

As an articulating truck-mounted crane was lifting a shoring cage, its inner boom failed.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013110750871

Injury: Broken bones

Industry: Construction, Public Sector

Core Activity: Municipal building inspection

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker was cycling to a jobsite when he fell off his bicycle.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013170880152

Injury: Soft-tissue injuries to one side of body and lower back

Industry: Construction, Services (NES)

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A traffic control person was struck by a vehicle.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013117080291

Injury: Close call

Industry: Construction, Oil & Gas Industry

Core Activity: Crane work

Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A 60-ton crane was lifting a 12-ton counterweight from a flatbed trailer at an oil and gas site. As the operator attempted to lower the load, the main winch failed, resulting in the counterweight falling to the ground.

Posted: 2013-Nov-29 **ID:** 2013174170024

Injury: Facial contusion; bruised leg

Industry: Construction, Services (NES)

Core Activity: Tunnel-boring construction

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker walking on a job site was struck by a pickup truck.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013163750251

Injury: Serious injuries to finger

Industry: Construction, Services (NES)

Core Activity: Commercial diving

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A diver was assisting in the installation of stop logs on a dam. The counterweight used to engage the dogs (hooks), which secured the below-the-hook lifting device to the stop log, crushed the diver's finger.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013157490555

Injury: Electric shock

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Installing new power poles

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker received an electrical shock while transferring secondary power lines to a new power pole.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013170150153

Injury: Knee injury
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Framing of 4-storey condo project
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker fell about 6 feet from an 8-foot wooden stepladder.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013170150154

Injury: Temporary loss of consciousness
Industry: Construction, Manufacturing - All, Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products
Core Activity: Air duct installation
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker was in a boom lift working on an overhead air duct. As he repositioned the platform, he became caught between the rail of the lift platform and the duct. The worker lost consciousness and was lowered to the ground by a co-worker.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013157440227

Injury: Multiple fractures to upper and lower body (young worker); sore muscles (1 worker)
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Wood frame townhouse construction
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A young worker was struck by a pickup truck being driven in reverse. The truck continued travelling in reverse and crashed into the living room and kitchen of an occupied townhouse.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013155270178

Injury: Undetermined injuries to arm, back, lower body, legs
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Removing exterior foundation wall gang forms below grade level.
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A young worker was standing on a work platform, about 14 feet below grade level, while stripping/removing a gang wall form (modular formwork) from the exterior of a concrete foundation wall. The worker fell about 15 feet when the work platform collapsed.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013161950286

Injury: Fatal (non-worker); minor bruising, possible whiplash (worker)
Industry: Construction, Services (NES)
Core Activity: Electrical utilities maintenance
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A vehicle driven by a non-worker crossed the centre line of the highway and hit an oncoming vehicle driven by a young worker. The worker sustained minor injuries but the non-worker was fatally injured.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013166950301

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Concrete finishing
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker fell from a work platform on the second level of a building. His fall was arrested by the fall arrest protection system he was using.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013171050197

Injury: Fractured bone in foot
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Plumbing and heating installations
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker fell 9 feet (to the ground) when a scaffold plank he was standing on broke.

Posted: 2013-Dec-09 **ID:** 2013110750879

Injury: Injuries to head
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Residential re-roofing
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A worker was standing about 8 feet up on an extension ladder applying shingles to a small roof overhang. The worker fell from the ladder into a 4-foot-deep concrete stairwell.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013158880373

Injury: Fractured ankle
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Traffic control
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A traffic control person standing in an intersection directing traffic was struck by a vehicle driving through the intersection.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013161480464

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Excavation work
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

An excavator contacted an energized underground high-voltage (12.5-kV) conductor.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013117080262

Injury: Soft tissue injuries (2 workers)

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Line painting

Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

A flag person and a line painter were brushed by a vehicle driven by a person who purposely bypassed a traffic control person.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013117640247

Injury: Fractured ankle, shoulder

Industry: Construction, Services (NES)

Core Activity: Offloading transformer from boom truck

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2013-Nov

The operator of a rear-mounted articulating boom truck was offloading a transformer when one of the outriggers started to lift off the outrigger cribbing. Thinking that the unit was about to tip over, the operator jumped from the crane deck and sustained injuries.

Posted: 2013-Nov-26 **ID:** 2013107970130