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JANUARY 2014 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 January 2014.

Injury: Upper body fractures, internal injury

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Framing

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker fell about 8 feet from the top plate of an interior wood frame wall, landing on a plywood floor deck below.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014155070008

Injury: Injuries to foot including puncture and bruises

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Concrete pumping

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker was chipping off residual concrete with an electric chipping gun when his ankle was caught between the auger and a concrete pump truck hopper.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014157560022

Injury: Burns to hand

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Electrical work

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

An electrician was working in a live panel when his screwdriver contacted two phases of a 600-volt circuit. An arc flash caused burns to one hand.

Posted: 2014-Jan-27 **ID:** 2014163710017

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Parking lot maintenance
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A skid steer loader was removing snow in a parking lot. The loader was turning with the bucket elevated and backing up when it encountered a snow pile. The right side wheels of the machine climbed the snow pile causing the loader to become unstable and tip over.

Posted: 2014-Jan-27 **ID:** 2014124120017

Injury: Fracture and dislocation to lower body
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Rebar tying
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker sustained a serious injury when he fell 8-9 feet while descending a wooden form.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014165410387

Injury: Lacerations to head
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Traffic control
Location: Vancouver Island/Coastal B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A traffic control person was operating a slow-moving buffer vehicle in the slow lane of a highway when it was struck from behind by a vehicle operated by a member of the public.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014137290014

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Excavation/Roadwork
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

An excavator contacted an underground gas line, severing the "T" cap off the main line. Gas utility personnel attended to make the necessary repairs.

Posted: 2014-Jan-27 **ID:** 2014156580946

Injury: Multiple injuries, including fractures of lower body

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Residential construction

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

As a worker was carrying shingles up to a roof, the ladder he was standing on slipped out. The worker fell to the ground (15-20 feet below), sustaining multiple injuries as a result of first landing on the ladder, then coming to rest on pavement covered by snow and ice.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014163050016

Injury: Close call

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Pile driving

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

It was reported that while a steel pile (60 feet by 30 inches by 3/4 inch) was being driven with a vibratory hammer, the steel pile failed at or close to the attachment point of the vibratory hammer.

Posted: 2014-Jan-27 **ID:** 2014114550031

Injury: Upper body fractures; possible concussion

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Residential wood framing

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker fell about 10 feet from an unguarded edge of the second floor to a concrete slab below.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014166710018

Injury: Head laceration, multiple upper body injuries

Industry: Construction, Manufacturing - All, Manufacturing - Wood & Paper Products

Core Activity: Demolition of old sawmill equipment

Location: Northern B.C.

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

Three workers were involved in removing a heavy conveyor chain from a sawmill de-barker that was being demolished. As the chain slid off the end of the conveyor trough, it caught a young worker, pulling him over the edge and causing him to fall 22 feet to the basement below.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014140710013

Injury: Sprains and strains of upper and lower body

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: House or other wood frame construction

Location: Interior B.C.

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker was applying vapour barrier to the outside of an exterior wall that was being prepared to be erected. The worker slipped and fell 9 feet to the ground below.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014166950006

Injury: Broken leg

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Framing

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

A worker was caught between two halves of a wood-framed wall when the first of the two halves slipped while being lifted.

Posted: 2014-Jan-24 **ID:** 2014157560013

Injury: Concussion, fractures

Industry: Construction

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Jan

Traffic control devices were being removed. The traffic control truck backed up, striking the traffic control person.

Posted: 2014-Jan-08 **ID:** 2014115134291