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COCA UPDATE ON WORKSAFEBC ACTIVITIES #581 ~ MARCH 13, 2014

FEBURARY 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 February 2014.

Injury: Injuries to shoulder and head
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Pre-engineered steel building construction
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A construction worker was struck by a 30-foot-long piece of 14-gauge galvanized steel, weighing 101 pounds, that fell 25 feet.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014165560017

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Excavation, or private landfill or transfer station operation
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A rock truck slid off a small job-built ramp. The cab rolled onto its side.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014114550060

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Concrete reinforcing
Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker was rolling out post-tensioning cables 89 feet long, in preparation for a slab structural steel installation. One of the cables went over the guardrails and fell 31 storeys.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014163750053

Injury: Crush injuries to upper body
Industry: Construction, Oil & Gas Industry
Core Activity: Oil and gas production site
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker was pinned between an excavator bucket and a large steel containment tank.

Posted: 2014-Mar-03 **ID:** 2014170090031

Injury: Concussion, facial injuries, cuts and bruises
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Concrete pumping
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker fell through a job-built guardrail system.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014114550059

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Structural concrete forming
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A section of a guardrail system on a fly table assembly fell from level 13 to an area within the construction site.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014114550058

Injury: Temporary loss of consciousness; undetermined injuries
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Power line tower assembly
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

During the assembly of a lattice-type power line tower, an apprentice lineman was struck on the hard hat by a bridge girder.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014160670036

Injury: Broken ribs, internal injuries
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Framing or residential forming
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker stepped off the unguarded edge of a newly constructed deck 9 feet above grade. The worker fell onto a small pile of concrete paver cuttings.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014158880048

Injury: Fractured vertebra, bruising
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Plumbing installation for house
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A plumbing worker accessed the 5:12 sloped roof of a framed house to drill a hole for a vent pipe. The worker stepped onto a wet section of roof membrane and slipped off the roof, falling about 10 feet to a lower roof section, then a further 14 feet to the ground, where he struck a wooden retaining wall.

Posted: 2014-Mar-03 **ID:** 2014155730023

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Building construction
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

As it was being elevated, a swing stage caught and broke the flag-line in the high-voltage area.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014163750045

Injury: Close call
Industry: Construction, Oil & Gas Industry
Core Activity: Resource road construction
Location: Northern B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

An excavator constructing a road into a drill site was working under a high-voltage power line. It contacted the neutral wire, tearing it down.

Posted: 2014-Mar-03 **ID:** 2014137340006

Injury: Broken arm and wrist
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Interior painting
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker was using an extension ladder on top of a scaffold work platform to paint the high ceiling in a suite. The scaffolding tipped over and the worker fell to floor level.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014117080059

Injury: Broken ankle
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Carpentry
Location: Interior B.C.
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

As a worker descended an extension ladder, the worker's hammer, which was in the hammer hook of the tool belt, got stuck under the roof sheathing and pushed the worker off balance. The worker was forced to jump about 2 metres to the frozen ground below.

Posted: 2014-Mar-03 **ID:** 2014163050035

Injury: Fractures of lower leg
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Traffic control
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A traffic control person was struck by a passing vehicle.

Posted: 2014-Mar-10 **ID:** 2014163750046

Injury: Injury to eye
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Applying shotcrete to forms
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker was struck in the eye by shotcrete material (concrete) when a blockage in the hose/nozzle suddenly released. The worker was wearing safety glasses.

Posted: 2014-Feb-13 **ID:** 2014165410415

Injury: Fractured leg
Industry: Construction, Public Sector
Core Activity: Placing concrete barrel
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker was standing in an excavation 3 feet deep while a "lawn basin" (concrete barrel weighing about 700 pounds) was being lifted and lowered into place. As the lawn basin was being lifted, it contacted the edge of the excavation, causing it to slip from the rigging, and as it fell, it struck the worker.

Posted: 2014-Mar-03 **ID:** 2014156580985

Injury: Serious internal injuries
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Applying shingles to low slope, membrane-covered roof
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker fell about 15 feet onto a wooden fence and paving stones while completing roofing activities.

Posted: 2014-Feb-13 **ID:** 2014171890030

Injury: Soft-tissue injuries
Industry: Construction
Core Activity: Forming
Location: Lower Mainland
Date of Incident: 2014-Feb

A worker fell about 18 feet to grade after a worker platform made up of a single 2x12 broke mid-span.

Posted: 2014-Feb-13 **ID:** 2014124710020