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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Electrical shock
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007128230166
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

The owner of a business not registered with WorkSafeBC was troubleshooting a reported electrical short in the cablevision wiring system in a residential complex. He sustained an electrical shock.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae, paraplegia
Core Activity : Exterior house painting
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007157560292
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

A young worker was painting the exterior of a residence, working from a ladder. The worker fell approximately 15 feet from the ladder to the sidewalk below.

Injury Type : Fractured back, pelvis, leg (1 worker); fractured leg (1 worker)
Core Activity : Overhead door installation
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2007140710238
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

Two workers were working in a scissor-type elevating work platform. A forklift working nearby caught its forks under the body of the scissor-lift vehicle, causing the lift to topple over. The workers fell approximately 24 feet.

Injury Type : Electrical shock, burns
Core Activity : Low-slope roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157560285
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

A roofer (a young worker) sustained an electric shock when he backed into residential service wires feeding a single-family residence. The wires began to smoke and spark, and some flames erupted. The utility company is investigating the cause.

Injury Type : Sprained ankle, wrist
Core Activity : Placement of reinforcing steel
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007117080191
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

As a worker was climbing up a job-built ladder from one level to the next, he fell off the ladder and landed on the concrete slab below.

Injury Type : Cuts and bruises
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007114550169
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A loaded articulating rock truck slid off a pioneered construction road. It travelled approximately 100 feet down the bank, where it was stopped by a concrete retaining wall. The rock truck ended up resting on its side with its wheels facing uphill.

Injury Type : Broken ribs, bruising
Core Activity : Rock drilling and blasting
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2007108490114
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

As a rock drill (mobile equipment) was being positioned in preparation for drilling, it rolled over.

Injury Type : Broken back, crushing injuries
Core Activity : Highrise construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007158880239
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A rigger had basket-slung an electric forklift and lifted it a short distance off the ground to inspect the rigging. While he was inspecting it, the forklift shifted and pinned the rigger to the ground.

Injury Type : Back contusions
Core Activity : Installation of steel studs
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007145130242
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

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

A young worker fell approximately 13 feet through a tarp covering a foundation wall that was awaiting damp-proofing and backfilling.

Injury Type : Head, neck, and spinal injuries
Core Activity : Seismic line clearing
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2007124490049
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A seismic faller felled a spruce snag (a dead spruce tree) into standing timber. This caused another spruce snag to fall back and strike the faller.

Injury Type : Fractured pelvis and legs; back injury
Core Activity : Steel staircase installation
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007113830146
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

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

As steel staircase weighing more than 1,300 pounds was being installed, the lifting cross member failed. The staircase fell onto a young worker.

Injury Type : Minor electrical burn to hands
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007128230155
Date of Accident : 2007-Jun

A worker was removing an exit sign from the 10-foot-high ceiling of a hallway in order to test the voltage of the circuit. The worker's pliers inadvertently contacted a bare spot on a live wire. The worker intentionally fell backwards off the stepladder he was working from and landed on a carpeted floor.

Injury Type : Burns and scrapes to arm
Core Activity : Curb installation
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007107970297
Date of Accident : 2007-May

A worker was using a hammer to remove excess concrete from the bottom of the belt of curb-making machinery. The hammer missed the conveyor roller, and the hammer and worker's arm (to the elbow) passed through the roller.