

In 2008, WorkSafeBC imposed more than \$2.7 million in penalties against 140 employers for violations of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and the *Workers Compensation Act*. Following is a summary of the top 12 penalties in terms of dollar value, detailing the employer, the nature of the violation, and amount of each penalty:

200700732	ENCANA CORPORATION Fatality – The firm as prime contractor failed to do everything reasonably practicable to coordinate activities and to establish and maintain a system or process to ensure compliance. Inadequately trained workers were performing the high-risk activity of falling trees up to 24 inches in diameter and a worker was struck by two hung-up trees. The prime contractor's failure to coordinate activities resulted in a lack of first aid services and a lack of evacuation procedures that may have prevented the worker's death following the incident.	13/06/2008	\$150,000.00
200700594	DELTA PACIFIC SEAFOODS LTD. Repeat failure to ensure a worker wears a seatbelt when operating a forklift. Repeat failure to ensure adequate lights on forklift. Repeat failure to ensure adequate illumination in work areas. Repeat failure to ensure workers exposed to forklift traffic wear high visibility apparel.	25/09/2008	\$93,387.35
200800131	ANDREW SHERET Injury – Repeat non-compliance with section 11.2(1)(a) and 16.7(d) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation. A worker was injured when he fell approximately 10 to 12 feet from elevated work platform to grade. Injured worker had been standing on a wooden pallet supported by the forks of a forklift. There was no guardrail or fall protection system in place.	2008/12/10	\$75,000.00
200700171	CATALYST PAPER CORPORATION Significant and avoidable violation of requirements to identify and assess risk of asbestos exposure, resulting in uncontrolled worker exposure to loose asbestos debris and associated fibre.	22/10/2008	\$75,000.00
200600576	HOWE SOUND PULP AND PAPER LTD PARTNERSHIP Serious injury – The employer failed to ensure that workers were informed, instructed, trained and supervised regarding lock out for a breaker leading to a cabinet where large cooling fans are housed. A worker attempting to repair a fan was severely burned in an explosion when he dropped his metal flashlight inside the energized cabinet.	28/04/2008	\$75,000.00
200600210	CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL MILL SERVICES Fatality – General contractor failed to ensure workers were adequately informed of health and safety hazards associated with use of respirator and fully encapsulated chemical suit and procedures to address loss of supplied air and	07/12/2007	\$73,195.38

emergency cylinder air. A worker performing cleaning activities in a boiler wearing a fully encapsulated chemical suit and supplied air respirator asphyxiated when an air control feature on the respirator's regulator was activated and the air supply to the respirator facemask was shut off. A \$20,694.28 penalty was imposed against the worker's employer, Eveready Industrial Western Ltd., for this incident.

200700333	NEWWAY CONCRETE FORMING LTD Failure to maintain safe limits of approach to 12 kv overhead powerline as per Part 19 of the Regulation, and written instructions contained in Form 30M33.	04/03/2008	\$70,526.02
200700708	LEMARE LAKE LOGGING LTD Serious injury – A worker was yarding tree-length logs when a runaway log struck the cab of the grapple yarder. The cab was sheared off from the grapple yarder. Failure to ensure the health and safety of workers arising from insufficient site planning and supervision.	2008/12/02	\$70,384.21
200600366	NEWWAY CONCRETE FORMING LTD Failure to ensure the tower crane did not encroach on the safe limits of approach to energized overhead conductors, and failure to ensure workers were adequately instructed, trained and supervised.	06/02/2008	\$70,138.96
200600441	TIMBERWEST FOREST CORP Fatality – Failure to ensure the health and safety of all workers present where the employer's work was being carried out in the context of forestry operation involving manual falling on steep terrain.	15/04/2008	\$67,936.72
200700341	M & A GREENHOUSE SERVICES LTD Multiple violations of same sections of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and numerous violations of different sections of the Regulation, indicating a general lack of commitment to compliance with respect to transportation of farm workers.	17/03/2008	\$66,858.24
200600485	PEDRE CONTRACTORS LTD The boom of an excavator contacted overhead low voltage lines and failed to maintain a minimum distance of 10 feet from overhead high voltage lines. Firm failed to adequately instruct, train and supervise workers.	2008/06/05	\$64,435.53