

# Incident summaries



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## Examples of Workplace Incidents

### 2009

**Injury Type:** Concussion, soft-tissue injuries

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**ID Number:** 2009158880452

**Date of Accident:** 2009-Nov

A reversing vehicle struck a traffic control person.

**Injury Type:** Multiple broken bones and lacerations

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**ID Number:** 2009163710258

**Date of Accident:** 2009-Sep

While controlling traffic, a young worker was struck by a vehicle and thrown about 100 feet.

**Injury Type:** Multiple fractures

**Core Activity:** Road construction

**Location:** Northern BC

**ID Number:** 2009124120208

**Date of Accident:** 2009-Jul

A worker was standing next to a service truck on the shoulder of the road when he was struck by a passing transport truck.

**Injury Type:** Possible concussion and fractures; hand and facial injuries

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**ID Number:** 2009157410146

**Date of Accident:** 2009-Jun

A traffic control person was struck by a truck.

**Injury Type:** Sore leg and shoulder

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Central Interior

**ID Number:** 2009143950120

**Date of Accident:** 2009-May

At a three-way intersection in a traffic control zone, a vehicle operated by a non-worker drove past a traffic control person (TCP). The vehicle then turned onto a blocked road where a second TCP directed it to stop. The vehicle did not stop as directed and it struck the TCP's sign, causing the pole attached to the sign to strike the worker. The vehicle then stopped.

### 2008

**Injury Type:** Multiple broken bones

**Core Activity:** Guiding trucks at construction site

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**ID Number:** 2008158880538

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Dec

A traffic control person stopped a vehicle, then turned to make a visual check of another traffic control person. The stopped vehicle moved forward and struck the first traffic control person.

**Injury Type:** Abrasions, lacerations, fractures

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Central Interior

**ID Number:** 2008158180215

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Nov

A traffic control person was struck by a transport vehicle and dragged about 75 metres.

**Injury Type:** Undetermined injuries

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**ID Number:** 2008122700200

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Oct

A traffic control person was injured when a driver ran a red light and hit a towable light tower, which struck the worker.

**Injury Type:** Injuries to back and leg

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2008107970380

**Location:** Central Interior

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Sep

A traffic control person was struck by a motor vehicle, which then left the scene.

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**Injury Type:** Abrasions, bruising

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2008143950305

**Location:** Central Interior

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Sep

A traffic control person was stopping traffic for single-lane traffic control on a highway. The worker was struck by a car when its driver failed to notice road construction signs and did not slow down.

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**Injury Type:** Concussion, abrasions, lacerations

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2008143950155

**Location:** Central Interior

**Date of Accident:** 2008-May

A traffic control person (a young worker) was struck by a motor vehicle. The vehicle had already obeyed the order to stop when it was struck from behind by a vehicle that had not noticed the road construction signs.

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**Injury Type:** Fatal

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2008113830048

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**Date of Accident:** 2008-Feb

A motor vehicle struck a traffic control person.

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## 2007

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**Injury Type:** Bruising and abrasions to one side of body

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2007116110190

**Location:** Northern BC

**Date of Accident:** 2007-Jul

A traffic control person (TCP) had stopped one vehicle. A second vehicle failed to slow down for the work zone and crashed at highway speed into the stopped vehicle, pushing it into the TCP.

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**Injury Type:** Broken leg

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2007117080065

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**Date of Accident:** 2007-Feb

A traffic control person was struck by a motor vehicle. The driver of the motor vehicle has been charged.

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## 2006

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**Injury Type:** Fractured leg

**Core Activity:** Local government and related operations

**ID Number:** 2006138190385

**Location:** Vancouver Island

**Date of Accident:** 2006-Dec

A work crew was clearing branches and debris from a road when the traffic control person (TCP) was struck by a vehicle.

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**Injury Type:** Fatal (non-worker); back fractures (1 worker); stiffness and soreness (1 worker)

**Core Activity:** Highway maintenance

**ID Number:** 2006144250208

**Location:** Northern BC

**Date of Accident:** 2006-Sep

A vehicle pulling a trailer went through a stop sign and struck a dump truck. The driver of the vehicle (a non-worker) died; the truck driver was only slightly injured. Later that day, during recovery operations, a vehicle passed a line of stopped vehicles and struck and seriously injured a traffic control person.

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**Injury Type:** Crush injury to foot, bruised arm, sore neck

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2006157530008

**Location:** Lower Mainland

**Date of Accident:** 2006-Aug

A traffic control person (TCP) was struck by a motor vehicle when the TCP tried to stop it from driving into the alternating single traffic lane.

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**Injury Type:** Fatal

**Core Activity:** Traffic control

**ID Number:** 2006150180058

**Location:** Central Interior

**Date of Accident:** 2006-Mar

A traffic control person was struck by a motor vehicle that went through lane-closure traffic control devices.

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