

Incident summaries



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Examples of Workplace Incidents

2009

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

Core Activity: Traffic control

ID Number: 2009157410146

Location: Lower Mainland

Date of Accident: 2009-Jun

A traffic control person was struck by a truck.

Injury Type: Sore leg and shoulder

Core Activity: Traffic control

ID Number: 2009143950120

Location: Central Interior

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

ID Number: 2008158880538

Location: Lower Mainland

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

ID Number: 2008158180215

Location: Central Interior

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

ID Number: 2008122700200

Location: Lower Mainland

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.

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.

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.

Injury Type: Fatal

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Lower Mainland

A motor vehicle struck a traffic control person.

ID Number: 2008113830048

Date of Accident: 2008-Feb

2007

Injury Type: Bruising and abrasions to one side of body

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Northern BC

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.

ID Number: 2007116110190

Date of Accident: 2007-Jul

Injury Type: Broken leg

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Lower Mainland

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

ID Number: 2007117080065

Date of Accident: 2007-Feb

2006

Injury Type: Fractured leg

Core Activity: Local government and related operations

Location: Vancouver Island

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

ID Number: 2006138190385

Date of Accident: 2006-Dec

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

Core Activity: Highway maintenance

Location: Northern BC

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.

ID Number: 2006144250208

Date of Accident: 2006-Sep

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

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Lower Mainland

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.

ID Number: 2006157530008

Date of Accident: 2006-Aug

Injury Type: Fatal

Core Activity: Traffic control

Location: Central Interior

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

ID Number: 2006150180058

Date of Accident: 2006-Mar

2005

Injury Type: Severe bruising to leg

Core Activity: Commercial construction

Location: Lower Mainland

Workers were directing traffic to assist a loaded delivery truck backing into a construction project when a motor vehicle struck one of the workers.

ID Number: 2005137101581

Date of Accident: 2005-Dec

Injury Type: Concussion; numerous cuts and bruises

Core Activity: Electrical work

Location: Central Interior

Traffic lights were being installed by a worker in the elevated bucket of a ladder truck parked in the curb lane. The bucket, raised approximately 12 feet from the roadway, extended approximately 3 to 4 feet into the centre lane and there was no effective traffic control. The trailer of a chip truck travelling in the centre lane hit the bucket and tore it from the ladder. The bucket and worker travelled along the top of the first loaded trailer and came to rest between the two trailers.

ID Number: 2005110750579

Date of Accident: 2005-Dec