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OAKRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INCIDENT: CHAINS USED AS RIGGING TO BIND PIPES

The exact cause of the October crane incident in British Columbia is still undetermined, but a search warrant into the incident suggests that chains were used as rigging to bind the pipes that fell to the ground, according to a report.

The incident happened in Vancouver's Oakridge neighbourhood on Oct. 4, 2024. A tower crane was lifting a bundle of metal pipes when the pipes slipped from their rigging and fell approximately 150 feet to the ground.

The pipes struck a perimeter fence near vehicle traffic on West 41st Avenue.

No one was injured in the incident.

WorkSafeBC launched its investigation into the incident immediately after it happened.

The search warrant, obtained by CBC, indicates that improper rigging techniques may have contributed to the incident. Investigators noted that chains were used instead of nylon straps, which provide more friction and stability.

"Rigging metal on metal is slippery. It has no grip or friction," the document states, according to the CBC report.

The rigger who prepared the load told investigators he questioned the use of chains but proceeded with the lift after being told they were commonly used.



He later admitted he “lacked the confidence to decide not to proceed.” The crane operator reportedly saw that chains had been used and witnessed a pipe damaging the perimeter fence as vehicles passed nearby.

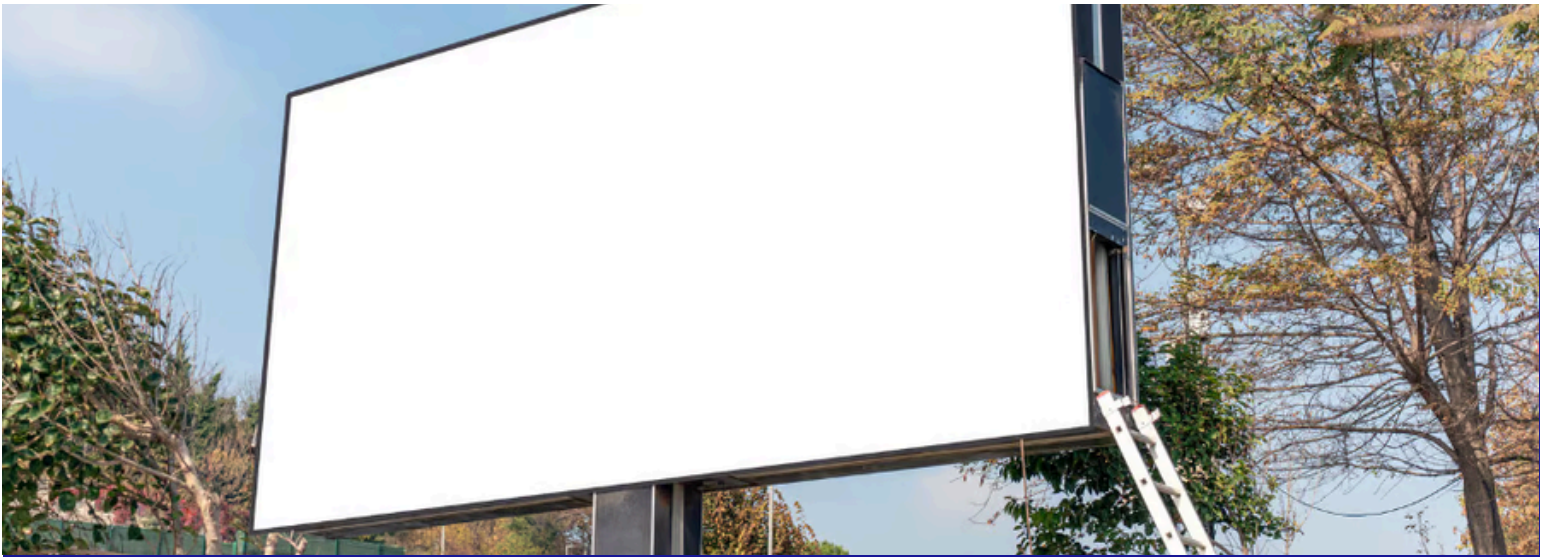
A piece of falling pipe narrowly missed the rigger by about 10 feet, according to the warrant.

The incident happened shortly after new regulations around crane operations came into effect in B.C.

The new regulations aim to enhance safety and oversight for tower crane operations. These rules require employers to provide WorkSafeBC with a notice of project (NOP) before erecting, climbing, repositioning, or dismantling a tower crane, and to ensure a qualified supervisor is in place.

Employers must also inform the agency about the timing of the work, who is supervising it, and the supervisor’s qualifications.

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MINISTRY ISSUES REQUIREMENT AFTER WORKER'S FATAL FALL

Toronto, ON – The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) issued an order to C.C.R. Posting Inc. after a worker falls to his death while working on a billboard near Bathurst and Dupont streets on February 3, 2025.

Ministry inspectors attended the site on the day of the incident and issued a requirement for documentation from the employer. "On February 3, 2025, ministry inspectors attended the scene, where they issued one requirement to C.C.R. Posting Inc. for documentation," a ministry spokesperson tells Canadian Occupational Safety.

The ministry confirms that the worker suffers fatal injuries after falling from a ladder while performing billboard maintenance. "On February 3, 2025, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development received notification of a reported fatality in Toronto. It is being reported that a worker sustained fatal injuries while working on a billboard," the ministry says in a statement.

Officials assign an inspector to investigate potential workplace safety violations. However, they decline to release further details at this time. "As the investigation is ongoing, we are unable to provide further information," the ministry states.

Fall protection under scrutiny

The fatality raises concerns about fall protection practices in the outdoor advertising industry. Under Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), employers must ensure workers are protected from falls using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), guardrails, or fall arrest systems when working at heights above three metres.

While it remains unclear whether the worker was using fall protection at the time, safety experts emphasize the importance of proper training and adherence to ladder safety regulations.

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FORTUNA REPORTS A FATAL ACCIDENT AT ITS SÉGUÉLA MINE, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Feb. 25, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Fortuna Mining Corp. (NYSE: FSM | TSX: FVI) regrets to report that a fatal accident occurred yesterday at the Séguéla Mine. The tragic incident took place while an employee of Mapa Protection Incendie (MPI), a specialized service provider to the mine contractor Mota Engil, was conducting a planned refilling of fire extinguishers.

The accident took place at the contractor's light vehicle maintenance workshop where an explosion took place while handling a fire extinguisher. The MPI employee was immediately aided by the mine's emergency and rescue team and evacuated to the Séguéla City Hospital where he unfortunately passed away from sustained injuries. No other people were injured in the incident.

The appropriate government and local authorities have been notified, senior corporate leadership of the Company is mobilizing to site, and an investigation to determine the cause of the accident is underway.

Jorge A. Ganoza, President, CEO and Director of Fortuna, commented, "It is with a heavy heart that I address this tragic accident. Our deepest sympathies are with the family, friends, and colleagues of the deceased." Mr. Ganoza continued, "The safety and well-being of the entire workforce is our top priority, and we are committed to conducting a thorough investigation to understand how this happened, and to prevent such incidents in the future."

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B.C. EMPLOYER FINED AFTER WORKER'S FATAL INJURY BY FALLING TREE

One British Columbia employer is now facing penalties after one of its workers was fatally injured in the workplace.

WorkSafeBC has fined Crescent Bay Construction Ltd. \$8,995.26 after one of its workers was struck by a tree.

The incident happened at a work site in Beaton.

The tree fell from a cliff face above the work area, said WorkSafeBC. The worker sustained fatal injuries from the incident.

WorkSafeBC's investigation determined the firm did not adequately identify the hazard of dangerous trees or assess the risks they presented to workers.

"The firm failed to conduct a dangerous tree assessment by a qualified person before work began and failed to ensure the health and safety of all workers at the worksite, both high-risk violations," said the government agency.

According to a CBC News report,

WorkSafeBC is in the process of checking the reports for privacy concerns before it can release any more information.

"It is important to note that no penalty amount or sentence can compensate for the loss of life," the agency said via email, according to the report.

Meanwhile, WorkSafeBC told CTV News that the incident report related to the case "is in the process of being redacted" and would only be released if compelled through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the publication reported.

The regulator also did not specify the date of the incident nor the approximate age of the worker.

The B.C. Coroners Service is still investigating the death, and a spokesperson for the agency told CTV News that details about the victim and the date of the fatality would not be released until the investigation had concluded.

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