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YWCHSB Releases Preliminary Findings on Three Serious Workplace Injuries.

WHITEHORSE: In keeping with its practice of alerting the community to hazards that caused serious worker injuries, YWCHSB is releasing information on three workplace incidents.

These preliminary findings describe the direct causes of these preventable injuries.

In July 2009, a worker operating an auguring machine in Whitehorse suffered serious internal injuries as a result of being crushed by the machine.

In November 2009, a pedestrian received serious internal injuries when they fell into an unguarded excavation on a construction site in Teslin.

And in January 2010, a worker delivering fuel to a work site fell onto frozen ground, fracturing their pelvis.

Making this information available to employers and workers allows them to understand what went wrong in these three situations and take appropriate actions to ensure similar incidents do not happen in their workplaces.

Details of the preliminary findings can be found at www.wcb.yk.ca.

OH&S investigations into these incidents continue to examine root causes before final reports are authored.

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