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Fine	Offender	Trigger Incident	Offence
Almost \$650,000(1)	Forensic Psychiatric Hospital	Separate incidents in which a nurse at a rehab hospital was physically attacked	Failure to protect workers from workplace violence via adequate risk assessments, policies and training
\$65,712	Jack Cewe Ltd.	Excavator contacts a buried, energized high voltage electrical conduit while doing road excavation work	<u>Failure to:</u> *Undertake excavation work according to requirements of the utility service owner; and *Ensure machinery was kept the minimum approach distance from exposed electrical conductors
\$53,690(2)	Francesco Aquilini, Roberto Aquilini and Paolo Aquilini et al./Golden Eagle Farms	During joint vehicle inspection, WorkSafeBC and provincial Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement Branch find a leak in air brake compressor discharge line and other problems making the vehicle unsafe	Failure to ensure vehicles used to transport workers were safely maintained
\$34,223	Sandel Foods Inc.	Worker cleaning conveyor that's still running suffers serious injury after his arm gets caught in unguarded moving machine parts	<u>Failure to:</u> *Lock out machinery before maintenance work *Guard nip points on belt conveyors

\$17,381	Performance Contracting Ltd.	An excavator digging trench for water line installation strikes and damages 2 energized high-voltage power ducts	<u>Failure to:</u> *Implement adequate safe work procedures *Notify workers of existence and location of the electrical conductors
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Notes:

- (1) This is believed to be the highest Administrative Monetary Penalty ever issued by WorkSafeBC
- (2) WorkSafeBC also issued stop-use order related to dangerous vehicle