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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Soft-tissue injury to leg
Core Activity : Residential plumbing and heating
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007155730473
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

A worker was caught between two work vehicles when the driver's foot slipped off the clutch and one of the vehicles jerked backward.

Injury Type : Amputation of one finger
Core Activity : Renovation work
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007154960114
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

A worker was ripping stock on an unguarded table saw. While feeding wood through the saw, his hand slipped forward and contacted the 9-inch blade. A push stick was not being used.

See a slide show about safeguarding for table saws:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/publications/multimedia/slideshows.asp?ReportID=34503>

Injury Type : Fractured bone in foot
Core Activity : Plaster and stucco work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007155730468
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

A worker was removing stucco buckets from a roof with a 5/12 slope when he slipped and fell approximately 17 feet to the ground.

Injury Type : Back pain
Core Activity : Roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007154960109
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

A worker was kneeling on a low-slope roof near an unguarded edge, pulling on a section of cap flashing. As the flashing released, the worker fell backwards, falling off the edge of the roof and landing on grass adjacent to a concrete sidewalk. The drop to grade was 4 metres (13 feet, 4 inches).

Injury Type : Fractured ankle
Core Activity : Hot asphalt roofing
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007157560151
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

Young worker (ages 15-24)
More than 2 years' experience at this task

On a roofing project, two ladder sections side by side and a tarp were used as a makeshift chute for debris. The assembly reached from the deck of a scaffold up 10 feet to a flat roof. A large refuse bin was placed in front of the scaffold/chute assembly. A young worker was instructed to climb one of the ladders and slide 4x8 plywood sheets up the rails to the upper level. He lost his balance while trying to free a corner of the plywood that became caught. He fell from the ladder onto the scaffold, then into the refuse bin, falling 6-7 feet.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae
Core Activity : Low-slope roofing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007107970185
Date of Accident : 2007-Apr

A worker was performing cleanup duties on a roof. He removed an unsecured wooden pallet used to cover a roof opening. He lost his balance while lifting the pallet and fell 10 feet, 2 inches to the stairwell landing below.

Injury Type : Bruising
Core Activity : Picking up supplies for construction site
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007101920047
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

As a worker was standing behind his one-ton truck, the vehicle started to roll backwards down a slight incline and struck him.

Injury Type : Fractured pelvis
Core Activity : Drywall installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007158880064
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

Workers were moving drywall sheets using a drywall cart. When it hit an uneven area of floor, the cart and drywall fell over onto a worker.

Injury Type : Head injury, fractured wrist
Core Activity : Concrete formwork stripping
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007122700064
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

A worker fell approximately 8 feet while dismantling concrete falsework. The work platform had not been properly secured to prevent it separating from the surface it was attached to, and safe access to all work platforms had not been provided.

Injury Type : Head injury, fractured skull
Core Activity : Scaffold dismantling
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007155260053
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

While dismantling a scaffold, a worker on the scaffold lost his footing where two planks overlapped. As he fell forward, he grabbed a guardrail to stop his fall, but the guardrail separated from the scaffold and the worker fell 14 feet

to the concrete surface below. The tubular steel guardrail was attached at one end to a J-hook on a walk-through end frame. The guardrail was too long for the span, so the other end had been secured to the next end frame using wire. When the worker grabbed the guardrail, it rolled out of the J-hook, broke the wired connection, and fell to the ground. The investigation revealed that even if both ends of the guardrail had been supported by J-hooks, the possibility of roll-out was not prevented. WorkSafeBC's engineering section has informed the scaffold manufacturer of this problem.

Injury Type : Fractured spine and hip
Core Activity : Installing structural steel
Location : BC
ID Number : 2007115131639
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Worker's experience at this task is unknown

A fabricated structural steel beam (weighing 1,700 pounds) fell and hit a worker while it was being repositioned.

Injury Type : Broken hip and arm, contusions
Core Activity : Bridge construction and associated roadwork
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007113830067
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

A worker was constructing a work platform on a form. The first half was completed with double planks and toeboards, and the second half had single planks that were not secured at the ends; there were no guardrails. When the worker stepped backward, the planks loosened and he fell 16 feet to grade. There was no fall protection in place.

Injury Type : Fractured ankles
Core Activity : Flat roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007115131635
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

As a worker was securing metal flashing at the edge of a flat roof, he fell 24 feet to grade. Fall protection equipment was not available at the worksite and no control zone had been set up.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Highrise construction

Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157550104
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

An excavator contacted a gas line while removing a shotcrete wall at ground level.

Injury Type : Fractured foot bones
Core Activity : Heating, plumbing, ventilation installation and repair
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007129730513
Date of Accident : 2007-Mar

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 2 years' experience at this task

A young worker was installing gas lines on the second-storey roof of a building. It was raining and the cedar shakes were slippery. The worker slipped and fell approximately 20 feet to grade. The employer had not provided any fall protection.

Injury Type : Back injury, serious head laceration
Core Activity : Building demolition for exterior renovation work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157560092
Date of Accident : 2007-Feb

A prefabricated scaffold was under construction and missing a piece of scaffold decking. A worker fell headfirst through the gap. He fell 7-8 feet and landed on the concrete sidewalk below.