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Please post or distribute this important information on injuries/incidents.

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Head and back injuries
Core Activity : Paint booth disassembly
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008120030291
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

An automotive paint booth was being dismantled. A worker standing on the booth's unsecured roof panel fell just over 9 feet to the concrete floor below.

Injury Type : Serious foot injuries
Core Activity : Low-slope roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008110750578
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

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

A young worker was installing an anchor 16 feet from the edge of a roof with a pitch of 4/12. There was frost on the 2x6 tongue-and-groove decking. The worker lost his footing and slid down the roof on his belly, then fell to the pavement 16 feet below. The worker was wearing a harness but was not tied off.

Injury Type : Penetrating wound to leg
Core Activity : Residential framing
Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2008161290363
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

During framing, a worker slipped on blast rock around a new concrete foundation. As the worker fell backwards, his boot struck the foundation and the nail gun he was holding fired a 2.25-inch nail into his leg. The nail gun was set on the safest setting, sequential trip.

See a bulletin about preventing injuries from nail guns:
<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g819.htm>

Injury Type : Fatal
Core Activity : Residential construction
Location : Northwest BC
ID Number : 2008136970237
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

A worker was standing on a job-built wooden scaffold, preparing to sheathe the roof of a house under construction. A lift of plywood was suspended from the hook of a mobile crane adjacent to the scaffold. The worker cut one of two metal bands restraining the plywood. When the band released, the load became unstable. The worker fell to the ground (about 9.5 feet) and the plywood landed on top of him.

Injury Type : Fatal (7 workers); undetermined injuries (1 worker)
Core Activity : Industrial construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008113820295
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

An aircraft carrying seven workers and the pilot crashed.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157270368
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

After two workers had a verbal disagreement, one left the site. When the worker returned, a second confrontation occurred. One of the workers produced a handgun and fired near the other worker's feet and into the air. The worker then left the site and was arrested shortly after.

Injury Type : Undetermined injuries

Core Activity : Exterior finishing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008154970515
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

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

A young worker on a third-storey scaffold lost his balance. He fell 5 feet through a window opening into the building, striking his head on the concrete floor. The scaffold was not adequately guarded, and no other fall protection system was being used.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures
Core Activity : Drywalling
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008154960296
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

A worker was on a ladder, placing drywall compound in a skylight opening. The ladder was set on a paper barrier to protect the floor. The ladder slipped on the paper, and the worker fell 9 feet.

Injury Type : Neck injury, bruising, laceration
Core Activity : House renovation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155270319
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker fell about 12 feet when the extension ladder he was climbing slipped away from its base.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures
Core Activity : Pile driving
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008093720251
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker was cutting off a platform on a drilling rig. When the platform came off, the worker was tossed to the ground (about 15 feet below). No fall protection system was in place.