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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Fractures, lacerations
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161480229
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

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

A young worker was rolling out and stapling tar paper on a wet roof with a slope of 11:12. He fell to the ground (27 feet). No fall protection system was in place.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures
Core Activity : Stucco work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008122700211
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

A worker slipped and fell about 24 feet (to grade) from a scaffold work platform.

Injury Type : Shattered bones
Core Activity : Boarding and taping
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008158880476
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker was on a scaffold applying drywall compound to a ceiling. The worker fell from the scaffold to the ground (5 feet).

Injury Type : Broken bones, lacerations
Core Activity : Hand digging for power pole installation
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008113820270
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker in an isolated work area slipped and fell partway down a steep rock face about 120 feet high.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures, internal injuries
Core Activity : Plumbing installation
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008101920192
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker fell down 3 flights of stairs because of unsecured stair stringers.

Injury Type : Lacerations, soft-tissue injuries
Core Activity : Road paving
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008155980294
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

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

An 18-ton rubber-mount asphalt roller was rolling new pavement when its braking and steering mechanisms failed. The machine veered off the low side of the road and rolled about 100 feet down an embankment, landing in a creek and injuring the operator (a young worker).

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008155400344
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

An electric heat gun ignited caulking and gluing materials on a second-storey deck. As the glue and caulking materials vaporized, the fumes became a large fireball. Three workers extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived.

Injury Type : Sprains, scrapes, bruises
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161760608
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker fell about 17 feet from the steep slope roof of a 3-storey house. The worker's fall protection equipment arrested his fall after he had broken through a wooden scaffold at the second level.

Injury Type : Internal injuries, multiple fractures
Core Activity : Interior painting
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008163050085
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker fell about 30 feet from a ladder set up on a decked-off rolling scaffold two stages high. The wheels of the scaffold had not been locked, and the worker was not wearing personal fall protection.