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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Puncture wound to chest

Core Activity : House construction

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2007118870772

Date of Accident : 2007-Nov

Young worker (ages 15-24)

Worker's experience at this task is unknown

As a young worker repositioned a nail gun, it discharged into his chest.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Low-slope roofing

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2007064400028

Date of Accident : 2007-Nov

A roofer slipped on wet sawdust on the roof of a 2-storey building under construction. It appears that his fall protection system had too much slack, and he fell 20 feet to the ground. Fall protection equipment on the site, as well as training and supervision, were found to be inadequate.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Framing

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2007120030333

Date of Accident : 2007-Nov

A worker was sheathing a roof 28-30 feet above ground level. The

worker slid off the roof and went into free fall for approximately 3 feet before being stopped by his fall arrest equipment.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae, soft-tissue injuries
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2007120030332
Date of Accident : 2007-Nov

A worker was performing roofing activities when he fell 28-30 feet to the ground. He was wearing a fall protection harness but was not connected to a lifeline.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Installation of residential water service
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2007157520378
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

While digging to expose a water main for water line tie-in work, a backhoe ruptured an underground gas line. Although utilities had been located and marked before excavating started, the scope used to locate them produced inconclusive readings near an adjacent light standard. The gas company suggests that in such cases readings be taken at a point farther along and, after locating the gas line in that area, trace it back towards the location where the scope reading was inconclusive. This would give the crew a reference point to draw the line through to most accurately determine the location of the underground gas utility.

Injury Type : Concussion, neck strain
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2007156160286
Date of Accident : 2007-Oct

On a construction site, forms were being stripped from cement columns. One formwork section, about 3.5 feet x 10 feet (weighing 200 pounds), fell away uncontrolled and struck a worker on his hardhat. It then became wedged against the adjacent column, which prevented it from full free-fall.