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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Broken bones, punctured lung
Core Activity : Concrete forming
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008117080123
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

An exterior wall panel of a multiple-use formwork system was being disassembled so it could be lifted by a tower crane. When all the wing nuts were off the unsecured panel bolts (form ties), the 1,400-pound panel fell onto a worker.

Injury Type : Fractured foot
Core Activity : Framing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008107970164
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A framer was on a 9-foot interior wall, installing roof trusses. Four unsecured trusses blew over and struck his foot.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Crane operation
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008150180072
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A 30-ton truck-mounted crane tipped over while attempting to place a bundle of rebar (weighing 1,900 pounds) on a suspended slab deck form.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Fence installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008157520116
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A mini-excavator was digging to remove an old concrete fence post and pad when it contacted an underground gas line.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Concrete highrise construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008145130159
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

During the daily inspection of a 220-foot-high tower crane, it was noted that three spring clips had been removed from the pins holding the tieback supports of the crane. One of these pins had started to work loose and was within an inch of becoming dislodged. The removal of the clips is being investigated by police.

Injury Type : Deep laceration to leg
Core Activity : Building formwork
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008161950121
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

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

A young worker was cutting plywood using a hand-held electric circular saw. As the worker prepared to make a cut, the rotating saw blade contacted his leg.

Injury Type : Concussion, fractured arms
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008107970162
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

Young worker (ages 15-24)
1 year's experience at this task

A young worker was carrying a full sheet of 7/16-inch plywood across a steep cedar shake roof in windy conditions. The roof was about 40 feet

long. The worker stepped on a 2x4, which broke free. The worker fell 38 feet to the cement sidewalk. The plywood fell from the roof and struck the worker's head. The worker had not received specific training and was not tied off to his lifeline.

Injury Type : Spinal cord injury, scrapes and bruising
Core Activity : Fireproofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008113830102
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A worker was installing a firewall in the attic of a shop when he fell through the wooden soffit to the concrete below (about 18 feet).

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Site servicing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008034450144
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

Workers were excavating to install a 12-inch sewer pipe. They contacted a 4-inch duct bank marked with tape to indicate an electrical hazard. The duct contained a live 14.4-kV conductor. Workers dug by hand past the tape, lifted the live conduit, and blocked it up using wood scraps. The correct procedure is to contact the utility owner when electrical hazard tape is exposed.

Injury Type : Fractured pelvis
Core Activity : Flooring sales and installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008097990099
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

The operator of a stand-on lift truck was injured when it backed into storage shelving.

Injury Type : Fractured leg
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2008147050122
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 1 year's experience at this task

A young worker was removing old shingles from the roof edge of a 3-storey apartment building. He slipped and fell to the ground (about 25 feet).

Injury Type : Broken arm
Core Activity : Roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2008129160349
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

A worker was stepping from a roof onto a ladder. He missed the rung and fell approximately 10 feet to the ground.

Injury Type : Fractured arm bones, head abrasion
Core Activity : Steep-slope roofing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008107970153
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

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

A young worker on a residential 8:12 pitch roof was re-connecting to his lifeline when he stepped on the lifeline and fell 18-20 feet to the ground.

Injury Type : Heavy bruising
Core Activity : Steel hoisting and placement operations
Location : Northern BC
ID Number : 2008154930133
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

During steel erection work, a large beam was being hoisted into position. The beam slipped and fell, then collided with a manlift basket. The worker in the basket exited to avoid being hit by the beam. The worker was supported by fall protection equipment and was injured when it caused him to swing back against the structure.

Injury Type : Injuries to chest, back, and leg
Core Activity : Roofing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2008156240083
Date of Accident : 2008-Apr

Young worker (ages 15-24)

Less than 1 year's experience at this task

A roofer (a young worker) was coming down from a roof on an extension ladder. He reached to one side to trim a shingle with a utility knife, lost his balance, and fell approximately 22 feet to the ground.