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

CONSTRUCTION

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Injury Type : Fractured ribs  
Core Activity : Re-roofing  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008155730269  
Date of Accident : 2008-Oct

A worker was removing tarpaulins from a 6:12 sloped roof when he lost his footing. He slid off the roof and fell about 12 feet. No personal fall protection system was in place.

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Injury Type : Bruising  
Core Activity : Formwork  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008163640059  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

An unsecured concrete gang form panel (10 feet by 12 feet) fell backwards, pinning a worker against a concrete wall.

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Injury Type : Serious injuries to fingers  
Core Activity : Finishing carpentry  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008124710459  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A worker was cutting a piece of baseboard with a 10-inch table saw. The saw's guard had been removed. When the baseboard kicked back, the worker's fingers contacted the moving blade.

See a slide show about guarding for woodworking equipment:  
<http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g794.htm>

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Injury Type : Fractured bone, abrasions  
Core Activity : Structural concrete forming  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008115132323  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A section of metal prefabricated formwork fell about 10 feet to a walkway below. The form, which weighed almost 500 pounds, struck and injured one worker.

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Injury Type : Close call  
Core Activity : Blasting  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008137102606  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

During construction, a blast was set off in a residential area. Fly rock struck and damaged nearby homes and vehicles. Fortunately, people in the area (workers and non-workers) were not injured. See a slide show about a blasting incident in which fly rock damaged several vehicles: <http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g795.htm>

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Injury Type : Internal injuries, deep laceration, hand injury  
Core Activity : Roofing  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008110110052  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

While tearing off an existing roof, a worker fell from the unguarded roof edge onto landscaping about 15 feet below. No fall protection system was in place.

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Injury Type : Injuries to back and leg  
Core Activity : Traffic control  
Location : Central Interior  
ID Number : 2008107970380  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A traffic control person was struck by a motor vehicle, which then left the scene.

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Injury Type : Exposure to a hazardous substance  
Core Activity : Insulation work  
Location : Lower Mainland  
ID Number : 2008124770197  
Date of Accident : 2008-Sep

A worker was overcome while working with polyurethane spray foam insulation..