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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Interior renovations to retail premises

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009161950429

Date of Accident : 2009-Apr

A worker was coring a 2-inch-diameter hole in an 8-inch-thick concrete suspended slab. At a depth of 5.5 inches, the drill bit struck and damaged an energized 600-volt conductor.

Injury Type : Bruising

Core Activity : Bridge resurfacing

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2009157620084

Date of Accident : 2009-Apr

A worker was struck by the side mirror of a truck that drove through a traffic barricade and into a work area. The truck was being pursued by police.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Commercial construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009122700053
Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

An electric jackhammer drilled into an energized 12.5-kV duct bank encased in concrete.

Injury Type : Temporary loss of consciousness, undetermined injuries
Core Activity : Drywalling and drywall taping
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009165870002
Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

A worker was taping a skylight basket, working from a ladder on a baker's scaffold, when the scaffold tipped over. The worker fell more than 15 feet from the ladder to the floor.

Injury Type : Head laceration
Core Activity : Hotel renovations
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009093710105
Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

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

During renovations, a worker was removing glass mirrors from a wall using suction cups. A glass mirror broke under tension, and a piece of glass struck the worker in the back of the head. The worker was wearing a face shield.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae, lacerations, bruising, loss of consciousness (non-worker)
Core Activity : Building demolition
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009110750197

Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

During the demolition of a house, debris struck a non-worker on the sundeck of an adjacent property.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures and lacerations

Core Activity : Installing cabinets

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009156730111

Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

A cabinet installer had set up his chop saw on an unguarded balcony. The worker stepped on a piece of material used to protect the floors and slipped, falling off the balcony and landing on rocky ground 10.5 feet below.

Injury Type : Possible exposure to asbestos (multiple workers)

Core Activity : Renovation to worksite

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009163100040

Date of Accident : 2009-Mar

During renovations at a commercial site, workers may have been exposed to airborne asbestos fibres. Layers of old flooring were removed before a thorough hazardous materials survey had been completed. Safe work practices for handling asbestos were not followed. Workers did not wear appropriate personal protective equipment.