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

CONSTRUCTION □-----

Injury Type : Lacerated hand □

Core Activity : Siding, awning, or gutter installation, service, or □repair □

Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number : 2009117670148 □

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A worker was operating a cordless skill saw when it kicked back.

Injury Type : Possible exposure to asbestos (8 workers, including 2 □young workers) □

Core Activity : Commercial renovations □

Location : Central Interior □ ID Number : 2009113210089 □

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

2 Young workers (ages 15-24) □ Workers' experience at this task is unknown

Eight workers (including 2 young workers) may have been exposed to □asbestos while renovating an old shopping mall. They removed □double-layered drywall whose mud contained chrysotile asbestos □(between 1 and 10 percent). □ See a list of references about preventing exposure to

asbestos: <http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g914.htm>

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Injury Type : Possible concussion and fractures; hand and facial injuries
Core Activity : Traffic control

Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009157410146

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A traffic control person was struck by a truck. See a hazard alert about the risks of working in traffic control zones:
<http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g910.htm>

Injury Type : Possible exposure to asbestos (unknown number of workers)

Core Activity : Institutional building renovations

Location : Vancouver Island ID Number : 2009163500182

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

During a renovation project spanning more than 6 months, workers were unaware of asbestos-containing material at the site. Later testing showed that the flooring and sheet backing, both of which were disturbed during the renovations, contained asbestos. Workers from several companies were employed on the site and may have been exposed. See a list of references about preventing exposure to asbestos: <http://www2.worksafefbc.com/fwd/g914.htm>

Injury Type : Fatal

Core Activity : Painting

Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009155730114

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A worker was standing on a baker's scaffold, about 11 feet above a concrete surface, when the scaffold tipped over.

Injury Type : Close call□

Core Activity : Excavating□

Location : Lower Mainland□ ID Number : 2009157270136□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

An excavator was backing down an embankment near the edge of a□7-foot-deep excavation. The ground gave way and the excavator fell□backwards into the excavation, landing on its rear counterweight. The□excavator operator, who was behind closed doors and wearing a seat□belt, was not injured.

Injury Type : Brain injury, multiple fractures□

Core Activity : Wood frame construction□

Location : Vancouver Island □ID Number : 2009154970289□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

A worker was lifting an exterior wall when he fell more than 14 feet□through an unguarded elevator shaft.

Injury Type : Potential exposure to asbestos (4 workers, including 1□young worker)□

Core Activity : Demolition□

Location : Lower Mainland□ ID Number : 2009109750075□

Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

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

A fire-damaged house that had previously had asbestos-containing□vermiculite insulation in the ceiling was being demolished. When□workers removed a section of the drywall on the walls, they found some□residual vermiculite. Work was stopped, the employer secured

the scene, and an acceptable process was put into place for mitigating the asbestos hazard. See a hazard alert about asbestos in vermiculite insulation: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g915.htm>

Injury Type : Sore leg and shoulder

Core Activity : Traffic control

Location : Central Interior ID Number : 2009143950120

Date of Accident : 2009-May

At a three-way intersection in a traffic control zone, a vehicle operated by a non-worker drove past a traffic control person (TCP). The vehicle then turned onto a blocked road where a second TCP directed it to stop. The vehicle did not stop as directed and it struck the TCP's sign, causing the pole attached to the sign to strike the worker. The vehicle then stopped. See a hazard alert about the risks of working in traffic control zones: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g911.htm>