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CONSTRUCTION -----

Injury Type: Broken foot bone Core Activity: Installation of services Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009163640241 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A backhoe was carrying a section of concrete pipe suspended from its bucket. A worker was holding onto the pipe to control its movement during transit. When the worker stopped walking to maneuver the pipe around an obstacle, the backhoe continued forward and ran over the worker's foot.

Injury Type: Shoulder injury; head contusion and laceration Core Activity: Installation of metal roof Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009157410256 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

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

In preparation for the installation of a new roof, a young worker accessed a first-level hip roof on a two-storey home to remove a tarp. Shortly after, the worker fell to grade (about 11.5 feet). Fall protection was available on site but was not being used.

Injury Type: Broken ankle, lacerations Core Activity: Barn construction Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009161480277 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A worker was retrieving an electrical cord from a 4:12 sloped metal roof when he lost his footing. He slid off the roof, landing on the ground about 16 feet below.

Injury Type: Broken vertebrae, hip, ankle (1 worker); scrapes, cuts, soreness (2 workers) Core Activity: Heating and insulation installation Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009113830238 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

Three workers fell about 12 feet when the temporary work platform they were on collapsed.

Injury Type: Concussion, fractured vertebrae Core Activity: Installation of gutters Location: Central Interior ID Number: 2009165880252 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A worker was working alone, installing gutters on a new home in a remote location. The worker fell from a ladder and landed on his back on the ground about 15 feet below. He walked to a nearby highway to flag down assistance.

Injury Type: Broken wrist and rib; internal injuries Core Activity: Setup of scaffolding Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009114550238 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A worker fell between 12 and 13 feet from a scaffold system.

Injury Type: Close call Core Activity: Structural concrete forming Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009115132611 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A wooden piece of formwork about 12 feet by 10 feet was being readied for removal when it fell from the 15th floor, destroying the access way and electrical service to the man hoist.

Injury Type: Bruising Core Activity: Steep slope roofing Location: Central Interior ID Number: 2009112850264 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

While moving from one anchor to another, a worker slipped and fell from a roof to grade (12 feet).

Injury Type: Close call Core Activity: Excavation of utility Location: Vancouver Island ID Number: 2009161290498 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A broken water main required an emergency locate of utilities. The gas company completed an on-site locate, with subsequent hand excavation uncovering a dormant steel service line. During mechanical excavation, an active polyethylene service located underneath the steel line was struck.

Injury Type: Undetermined injuries Core Activity: Steep slope roofing
Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009115132602 Date of Accident:
2009-Nov

A worker was standing on a toe board (work platform) on a steep slope roof, preparing to climb down a ladder. He had disconnected his lanyard from his personal fall protection system when one of the roof brackets/jacks securing the toe board pulled out. The worker fell to grade (13 feet).

Injury Type: Close call Core Activity: Excavation Location: Central Interior ID
Number: 2009109150585 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

An excavator contacted and severed a 2-inch underground natural gas line, which had previously been located and marked. The line should have been re-located and exposed by hand.

Injury Type: Close call Core Activity: Site surface preparation Location:
Central Interior ID Number: 2009109150588 Date of Accident: 2009-Nov

A worker was using a chainsaw to cut one stem of a multi-stem deciduous tree. A mini-excavator was trying to direct the fall of the stem but lost control of it. The tree limb contacted a low-voltage overhead power line, causing a power outage at an adjacent residence.

Injury Type: Electrical burns Core Activity: Operation of truck-mounted crane
Location: Lower Mainland ID Number: 2009162000315 Date of Accident:
2009-Oct

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

A young worker was preparing to rig a load when the winch cable he was holding contacted an overhead power line (7.2 kV).