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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Fractured wrist
Core Activity : Bridge construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009128230029
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker was removing cantilever formwork from a bridge approach when the unsupported formwork suddenly released and struck his arm.

Injury Type : Broken bones
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009110750066
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

As a worker leaned against a guardrail, it gave way. The worker landed on the concrete pad 12 feet below.

Injury Type : Soreness
Core Activity : Cleaning up roofing materials
Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009157270018
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

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

A young worker was cleaning up debris on a roof with a pitch of 3/12. His lifeline had become slack and was lying on the roof surface. The worker was at a height of about 60 feet when he inadvertently stepped on the lifeline, slipped, and fell off the roof. Because of the slack in his lifeline, he fell about 35 feet before the fall protection system arrested his fall.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009113820032
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A blaster initiated a blast and gave the all-clear. An excavator began working in the area and inadvertently set off an explosion.

Injury Type : Head injury, fractured bones
Core Activity : Drywall installation
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009034450023
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 1.5 years' experience at this task

As a young worker climbed down the end frame of a baker's scaffold, he slipped and fell to grade (about 6 feet).

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009112850003
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A worker slipped on an icy plywood roof surface. He slid the length of the roof before his personal fall protection system deployed, preventing him from falling to the ground below (about 30 feet).

Injury Type : Undetermined injuries
Core Activity : Institutional construction
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009090580013
Date of Accident : 2009-Jan

A telehandler rolled over a steep embankment on a construction site. The operator was wearing a seat belt and stayed in the cab.

Injury Type : Facial injuries, dislocated ankle, back pain
Core Activity : Steep slope roofing
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009112850016
Date of Accident : 2008-Dec

A worker was on a roof installing anchors for a fall protection system. He slipped and fell from the roof to the ground (about 20 feet), striking a hot tub on the way down.

Injury Type : Contusions and muscle strains
Core Activity : Excavation to repair drain pipe
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009108440207
Date of Accident : 2008-Nov

To access a basement drain pipe, workers hand dug an 8-foot-deep excavation (30 inches wide) under a sundeck. A large boulder (3 feet by 3 feet) was embedded in one side wall of the excavation. One worker was in the trench when that wall collapsed at chest height.