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CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Lacerated leg
Core Activity : Low slope roofing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009161770163
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was using a circular saw to cut into a framed roof surface. He had just completed a plunge cut when the saw contacted his leg.

Injury Type : Fractured wrist, contusions, strain
Core Activity : Electrical work
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009137102768
Date of Accident : 2009-May

As a worker was descending an unsecured ladder, both the ladder and worker fell to the ground (about 10 feet).

Injury Type : Fractured skull, broken arms, lacerations
Core Activity : Re-roofing

Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009137102765
Date of Accident : 2009-May

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

A young worker attempted to stop a 4x8 sheet of plywood from sliding off the roof edge. The worker fell with the plywood, landing on the back deck about 16 feet below. No fall protection system was in place.

Injury Type : Broken ankle
Core Activity : Exterior painting
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009155730106
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was about 28 feet up a ladder, painting exterior window trim. As the worker reached sideways, the ladder, which was not secured, slid out and the worker fell to the ground.

Injury Type : Fractured feet
Core Activity : Roofing
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009161290298
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker had cut sheathing to size and was placing it on the roof when it dislodged and knocked him off his feet. He rode the sheathing to the edge of the roof, then fell to a concrete walkway. The worker was using personal fall protection but there was excessive slack in his lifeline.

Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Wood frame construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009124710171
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A 10-foot section of roof collapsed after being overloaded with roofing material.

Injury Type : Internal injuries
Core Activity : Finishing carpentry
Location : Central Interior
ID Number : 2009129160731
Date of Accident : 2009-May

Several workers were unloading cabinetry from a semi-trailer truck on a construction site. Thirty-one sheets of fibreboard, each 5 feet by 10 feet and weighing about 90 pounds, were standing between the cabinets. The sheets were not secured. When the cabinets were removed from one side of the trailer, the stack of sheets tilted and pinned a worker against a wall.

See a hazard alert about a worker who was fatally crushed while unloading a stack of materials:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g892.htm>

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Water main installation
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009154960154
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was cutting an existing steel water line (20 inches in diameter) with a cutting torch. The coal-tar corrosion membrane ignited, and the fire spread rapidly along the open-ended 200-foot pipe.

Injury Type : Amputated fingers
Core Activity : Concrete pumping
Location : Vancouver Island
ID Number : 2009110750357
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was cleaning the lines of a concrete pumper truck when the cleaning sponge got stuck in the "S tube" (located in the hopper). As the worker was trying to remove the sponge, the pump cycled.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Road construction
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009113820118
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A boom truck left a work site with its boom in the raised position. The boom contacted overhead power lines, pulling them down and damaging two utility poles.

Injury Type : Electrical burns
Core Activity : Cleanup of new building
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009158880162
Date of Accident : 2009-May

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

As a young worker was cleaning a high-voltage electrical cabinet in a newly constructed building, he contacted a 12-kV line.

Injury Type : Fractured vertebrae and arm

Core Activity : Insulation installation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009122700078
Date of Accident : 2009-May

Young worker (ages 15-24)
Less than 6 months' experience at this task

A worker fell from an attic to grade (12 feet).

Injury Type : Compressed vertebrae, facial injuries
Core Activity : Residential framing
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009124710157
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker was installing roof trusses when he fell to grade (about 12 feet). No fall protection system was in place.

Injury Type : Fatal
Core Activity : Moving hydroelectric generators
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009152480135
Date of Accident : 2009-May

A worker about to do maintenance was fatally crushed between the gooseneck of a low-bed trailer and a jeep frame. The low-bed operator intended to raise the gooseneck but inadvertently lowered it about 4 inches instead.

Injury Type : Close call
Core Activity : Land clearing or site surface preparation
Location : Lower Mainland
ID Number : 2009152480115

Date of Accident : 2009-Apr

A faller lost control of a tree he was falling, and it struck an energized 14.4-kV overhead power line. The faller then tried to cut the tree down from the line while the line was still energized.