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COCA Update on WorkSafeBC Activities #456 November 30, 2009

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CONSTRUCTION-----

Injury Type : Laceration (1 worker); abrasions, contusions (2 workers) Core Activity : Construction Location : Vancouver Island ID Number : 2009137290201 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

Three workers were blown down by wind generated by jet engines on the tarmac next to the construction site.

Injury Type : Bruised back Core Activity : Commercial construction Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009157270256 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

A worker was on an unsecured ladder, pushing on a trim board to set it in place, when the ladder slid out from under him. The worker fell about 12 feet to grade.

Injury Type : Minor electric shock Core Activity : Electrical work Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009163640197 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

As an electrician climbed a 6-foot stepladder to test for electrical current in a junction box, the back of his hand brushed wires from a 340-volt lighting circuit.

Injury Type : Fatal Core Activity : Wood frame construction Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009128230271 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

A worker was riding on the tailgate of a moving pickup truck when he fell off and struck his head on the pavement.

Injury Type : Electrical burns Core Activity : Asbestos surveying Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009122700210 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

While conducting an asbestos survey, a worker contacted a 7.2-kV primary overhead power line that was lying over a trailer home. An energized power pole had been felled by a chainsaw, and the transformer had been removed.

Injury Type : Multiple fractures Core Activity : Cladding installation Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2009163710250 Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

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

A young worker was using cross braces as a ladder while descending the side of an unfinished building. A brace slipped out from underfoot and the worker fell 11 feet.

Injury Type : Close call □ Core Activity : Crane operation □ Location : Central Interior □ ID Number : 2009160850200 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

A sling used to lift an air test bushing (about 15 feet long by 2 inches deep and weighing 1,000 pounds) was rigged so the sling eye applied the load to the safety catch of the crane hook during the lift. The safety catch failed, permitting the sling-supported end of the load to fall and hit the concrete floor 15 feet below. No workers were in the area.

Injury Type : Cuts, abrasions, bruising □ Core Activity : Sheathing roof □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009154970425 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

A worker was hooking a lifeline around a ridge truss when the lifeline dislodged. The worker lost his footing and slid down the roof (pitch of 6/12), then fell 29 feet to grade.

Injury Type : Close call □ Core Activity : Steep slope roofing □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number : 2009110750595 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Sep

Materials were being lowered on a power ladder when the ladder collapsed. Bolts used to secure the sections of the ladder had not been installed.

Injury Type : Serious lacerations □ Core Activity : Commercial

construction □ Location : Lower Mainland □ ID Number :
2009122700183 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

A worker was grinding concrete with a handheld grinder when the grinder's abrasive cup stone shattered. Read a hazard alert about a similar incident in which a worker was fatally injured: <http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g983.htm>

Injury Type : Fractured vertebra □ Core Activity : Commercial construction □ Location : Vancouver Island □ ID Number :
2009110750539 □ Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

Wood frame re-shore units (10 feet x 10 feet x 25 feet and 2,000 pounds) were being dismantled. A worker removed support braces from one unit, which became unstable and fell towards the worker. A 400-pound side wall component pinned the worker to the floor.