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

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Leg wound

Core Activity : Roofing

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2009159110343 Date of Accident : 2009-Aug

A worker was trying to clear a jam in a pneumatic-coil nail gun. He rested the gun on his leg while he worked on it. When he closed the nail chamber cover, the gun discharged a 2.25-inch spiral nail into his leg. Read a bulletin about preventing injuries from nail guns:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/fwd/g965.htm>

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Injury Type : Serious injuries

Core Activity : Roofing

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009165810095 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

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

A young worker was seriously injured when he fell about 16 feet from a roof to the ground (concrete). No fall protection system was in place.

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Injury Type : Fatal (1 worker); serious injuries (1 worker)

Core Activity : Travelling to worksite

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009152480212 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

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

Two young workers were travelling to a worksite when their vehicle rear-ended a 5-ton van making a left turn. The worker in the passenger's seat died; the worker who was driving suffered serious injuries.

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Injury Type : Fractured nose, lacerated face

Core Activity : Road construction

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009160530258 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

A worker was turning a water valve when the water pressure blew a 2-inch steel cap off the pipe. The cap struck the worker.

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Injury Type : Fatal (non-worker)

Core Activity : Residential construction

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009119700137 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

During construction of a home, a non-worker was on a 6-foot stepladder when he fell to the ground (about 4 feet), sustaining fatal injuries.

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Injury Type : Bruised leg and arm Core Activity : Installing soffits

Location : Lower Mainland

D Number : 2009163710217 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

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

A young worker was on a stepladder near the edge of the 11th floor of a high-rise building. The worker fell off the stepladder and dropped about 4 feet before his personal fall arrest system stopped his fall. The worker pulled himself back up onto the 11th floor.

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Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Excavation work

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009116120204 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

An excavator working in a roadway near a mall and homes ruptured a 2-inch gas line. Gas flowed for about an hour before it was stopped.

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Injury Type : Fatal

Core Activity : Electrical work

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009034450235 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

At a commercial construction site, lubrication pits were covered with 3/8-inch plywood hatch covers. A worker walked onto a hatch cover, it failed, and he then fell 5 feet 10 inches to a metal mezzanine, sustaining fatal injuries.

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Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Road construction

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2009163050173 Date of Accident : 2009-Jul

Hand locating was done during ground preparations for installing new utility services. Despite this, a gas line was contacted, gas entered a

private home, and extensive fire damage occurred.

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Injury Type : Ankle injury

Core Activity : Exterior house painting

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2009110110224 Date of Accident : 2009-Jun

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

A young worker was standing near the unguarded edge of a porch roof, repainting the fascia board on the second-storey roof above. He stepped backward and fell about 16 feet to the gravel surface below. The worker was not equipped with a personal fall protection system.