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Construction Accident Types

Falls continue to dominate the accident types for the Construction Industry, across the general sector. For the years 2006-2008, inclusive, Falls made up 25% of all WorkSafeBC claims and 44% of all claim costs.

Within the Falls category itself, the most frequently occurring accident type is *Other Fall to Lower Level*, which total 1,871 claims for the 2006-2008 period and \$58,173,000 in costs.

Falls from ladder total 1,424 and \$56,494,031 in costs.

While the *Fall from roof* category is not the most common type of fall, the injuries are generally more serious and therefore result in more days lost from work and highest costs.

The Table below – for the same period – 2006-2008 -- lists the data that shows how *Fall from roof* dominates costs.

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	AVERAGE COST PER CLAIM	AVERAGE DAYS LOST PER CLAIM
Other Fall to Lower Level	\$31,092	65
Fall from Ladder	\$39,673	73
Fall from Scaffold or Platform	\$63,210	93
Fall from Roof	\$103,287	120
Fall to Floor or Other Surface	\$20,208	57
All Other	\$13,686	43

The best way to eliminate or at least reduce these injuries is to have a systematic program of training and ongoing supervision in place, as part of your Due Diligence.