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CONSTRUCTION -----

Injury Type : Suspected compression of lower vertebrae Core Activity :
Framing Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010124710082 Date of
Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker fell about 11 feet from a window opening to the deck below when a guardrail failed as the worker applied pressure to it.

Injury Type : Lacerated fingers Core Activity : Framing Location : Lower
Mainland ID Number : 2010124710083 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

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

A young worker was cutting the end off a 2x4 when his fingers contacted the saw blade.

Injury Type : Contusion to head, back pain Core Activity : Masonry
Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010157520050 Date of Accident :
2010-Feb

A worker fell 10 feet to grade, striking the back of his head on a concrete sidewalk, when the steel frame scaffold he was using as a work platform toppled over.

Injury Type : Broken leg and arm Core Activity : Wooden roof truss

installation Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010161480075 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker climbed onto a section of wooden roof trusses to cut the metal band holding 11 trusses together as a bundle. As the worker cut the band, the trusses kicked out, causing the worker to fall about 21 feet to the concrete floor below. The 36-foot-long trusses, weighing 2,600 pounds, also fell to the concrete, narrowly missing the worker.

Injury Type : Injuries to head, shoulder, ribs Core Activity : Drywall installation Location : Vancouver Island ID Number : 2010161290127 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker fell about 11 feet from a second-level unguarded rolling scaffold to the floor.

Injury Type : Soft-tissue injuries (2 workers) Core Activity : Plumbing and heating installation or repair Location : Northern BC ID Number : 2010140710103 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A service van was trying to pass a slower vehicle on an icy road. The driver of the van lost control, and the van slid into a deep ditch and rolled over.

Injury Type : Strained neck muscles, chest contusion Core Activity : Structural concrete forming Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010117670325 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker tripped and fell while carrying a steel pipe on his shoulder.

Injury Type : Crushed vertebra Core Activity : Gutter installation Location : Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010157560067 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker slid down a steep portion of a wet metal roof to a less steep portion of the roof, intending to stop at the lower roof. He continued over the edge and fell 19 feet to grade below.

Injury Type : Cuts, bruising Core Activity : Structural rebar work Location :
Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010122700059 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker was connected to an inner 30-foot rebar cage wired to a 60-foot outside cage. The attachment failed, pulling the worker downward into the caisson (a watertight chamber in which underwater construction work can be done).

Injury Type : Injured wrist Core Activity : Residential construction Location :
Central Interior ID Number : 2010160850094 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker was standing on the top plate of an exterior wall, about 9 feet above the floor, while installing insulation-stops. The worker had stepped on a wet rafter to adjust his position when he slipped and lost his balance. The worker struck his hand on the rafter trying to prevent himself from falling. The worker was wearing a fall-arrest system.

Injury Type : Amputated fingers Core Activity : Framing Location : Lower
Mainland ID Number : 2010165370042 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

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

A young worker was cutting a 2x4 with a circular saw. The saw got caught and kicked back, contacting the worker's hand.

Injury Type : Electric shock Core Activity : Concrete cutting Location :
Lower Mainland ID Number : 2010117670327 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

A worker was wet cutting concrete with a gas-powered diamond saw when the saw contacted a live 347-volt circuit.

Injury Type : Abdominal injuries Core Activity : Framing Location : Lower
Mainland ID Number : 2010161770033 Date of Accident : 2010-Feb

While framing a house, a worker fell about 14 feet through an unguarded stairwell opening and landed on the compacted gravel floor below.