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Injuries at Work: Please post for information of workers & Supervisors

## CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Extensive bruising and lacerations

Core Activity : Traffic control services

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010111770139 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A traffic control person (TCP) was working at an intersection late at night. The TCP was struck by the left side-view mirror of a car driven by a drunk driver. The worker sustained extensive bruising and lacerations. A second TCP narrowly escaped being hit by the drunk driver's car. The driver remained at the scene and was taken into police custody.

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Injury Type : Close call

Core Activity : Excavating

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010161740382 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

While excavating at a construction site, an excavator operator uncovered a stick of unfired explosive. The finding was reported to the site supervisor, who eventually removed the stick of explosive. The site supervisor was not a certified blaster. A certified blaster should have been called to examine the site and determine if there were any other signs of explosives on the work site, as well as to properly dispose of the found explosives.

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Injury Type : Broken legs, multiple scrapes

Core Activity : Installing patio doors

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010154970380 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

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

Workers were moving patio doors on a sundeck when one door started to fall over. A young worker tried to prevent the door from falling and was

knocked through the guardrails. The worker fell 10 feet to grade, and the door landed on top of him.

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Injury Type : Fractured shoulder, possible internal and head injuries

Core Activity : Preparing building for paint

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010166710190 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A painter fell 9.5 feet to grade while power washing a roof.

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Injury Type : Cracked rib

Core Activity : Painting preparations

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010158880303 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A worker on a ladder was preparing the underside of an overhead walkway for painting. The ladder was set up in front of a vehicle-activated motorized gate. When a vehicle caused the gate to activate, the gate pulled the ladder over and the worker fell 12 feet to the asphalt.

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Injury Type : Potential exposure to asbestos (undetermined number of workers)

Core Activity : Removal of vinyl tile flooring

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010166880150 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

Over several days, a number of workers may have been exposed to airborne asbestos fibres released from vinyl tile flooring that was removed by mechanical means.

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Injury Type : Fractured facial bones, fractured ankle

Core Activity : School construction Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010138190228 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A worker fell 13 feet from the flat roof of a building under construction. The worker slipped on loose plywood while he was installing a guardrail.

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Injury Type : Injury to lower back, scrapes, cuts

Core Activity : Commercial construction

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010163270228 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A worker fell about 12 feet from scaffolding under construction to ground level. The unsecured handrail folded/collapsed as the worker pulled it while accessing the work platform from the scaffold ladder.

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Injury Type : Fractured leg, lacerated head, bruising and contusions

Core Activity : Replacing flat roof surface of commercial building

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010161950199 Date of Accident : 2010-Aug

A worker was installing a base sheet as part of a roofing membrane being applied to the edge of the flat roof on a single-storey commercial building. The worker was walking backwards towards the edge of the roof when he tripped on a 16-inch-high parapet and fell 17.5feet to an asphalt-covered surface at grade.

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Injury Type : Electrical burns

Core Activity : Steep slope roofing

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010116090072 Date of Accident : 2010-Jul

A worker was removing old flashing from the mast of an active electrical service to a house when he sustained electrical burns.

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Injury Type : Undetermined injuries

Core Activity : Residential framing

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010152480191 Date of Accident : 2010-Jul

A worker had one foot on a truss assembly and one foot on the top plate of a second-storey wall. The truss assembly collapsed and the worker and truss assembly fell about 17 feet.

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Injury Type : Mild concussion, lacerations, soft-tissue injuries

Core Activity : Painting

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010154970304 Date of Accident : 2010-Jul

Young worker (ages 15-24) less than 6 months' experience at this task. A young worker was on a ladder, painting fascia. The unsecured ladder slipped out on the loose gravel. The worker fell about 10 feet to hard, compacted soil.