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Injuries at Work

CONSTRUCTION

Injury Type : Broken ribs, internal injuries

Core Activity : Masonry

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010157530422 Date of Accident : 2010-Dec

A worker stepped onto a tarped skylight, believing it was a stack of bricks, and fell through the skylight to the concrete floor 11 feet below.

Injury Type : Serious burns

Core Activity : Low slope roofing

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010157560393 Date of Accident : 2010-Dec

Flammable vapours from a roofing primer accumulated in a hoarding enclosure and ignited when a torch was lit nearby. One of two workers in the

area was engulfed in flames and had to run through the flames to safety.

Injury Type : Crush injuries to hand

Core Activity : Drilling

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010154890286 Date of Accident : 2010-Dec

A worker was assisting the operator of a drilling rig and was using a wrench to break the drill steel. The worker's hand became caught between the head of the drill and the table.

Injury Type : Hip injuries

Core Activity : Shingle roofing

Location : Northern BC

ID Number : 2010146890196 Date of Accident : 2010-Nov

A worker was applying shingles to a 4/12 pitch roof when he slipped and fell 18 feet to grade. The worker was using a personal fall protection system at the time of the accident, but he struck the ground as the system was arresting.

Injury Type : Crush injury, fractures, internal injuries

Core Activity : Travelling to/from worksite

Location : Northern BC

ID Number : 2010144250129 Date of Accident : 2010-Oct

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

A young worker driving home from a worksite lost control of his pickup truck when crossing a wood-decked bridge. The worker was ejected from the vehicle when it rolled over into a ditch.

Injury Type : Injury to eye area

Core Activity : Preparation for siding installation

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010156730503 Date of Accident : 2010-Oct

A worker was installing strapping for siding when a nail from the worker's nail gun ricocheted and struck the worker in the eye area. The worker was not wearing safety glasses and the air nailer was not equipped with a shroud.

Injury Type : Serious burns

Core Activity : Erecting steel frame structures

Location : Central Interior

ID Number : 2010034450344 Date of Accident : 2010-Oct

A welder, standing in a man-lift bucket, was completing overhead connections on structural steel. When sparks and slag dropped down the welder's outer protective clothing, the polyester shirt he was wearing underneath caught fire.

Injury Type : Fractured leg, bruises

Core Activity : Bridge building

Location : Vancouver Island

ID Number : 2010158920224 Date of Accident : 2010-Oct

A worker changed the grinding stone on a handheld 5-inch grinder and proceeded to remove some excess concrete. The grinding wheel shattered and flying pieces struck the worker. The grinding wheel was rated at 6,000 rpm and the grinder at 10,000 rpm.

Injury Type : Possible exposure to asbestos (3 workers) Core Activity :
Renovating

Location : Lower Mainland

ID Number : 2010165930156 Date of Accident : 2010-Sep

Workers who were not wearing respirators or other protective equipment were removing building materials (flooring, drywall, roofing) from a wooden structure. The hazardous materials survey conducted after the work was nearly completed found that one of the materials removed contained asbestos.