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Your Input Needed on GFCI Issue

Please take the time to consider the request for information contained in this Update.

COCA is seeking input from contractors about situations where GFCIs have resulted in safety problems.

For example, there have been cases where a GFCI has tripped unnecessarily and caused the saw to stop in the middle of cutting through concrete or wood.

In other cases, repeated tripping has caused workers to go up and down ladders or scaffolds, creating an increased risk of falling.

It would be very helpful to have specific examples of these and other kinds of safety problems that result from the use of GFCIs.

COCA has been working to expand the acceptability of Assured Ground Programs as a safe – or even safer – alternative to GFCIs.

If you have examples, please send them to COCA, with as many details as you have – location, date – or whatever you can supply.

Thanks for your help.