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YWCHSB Releases Preliminary Findings on Three Recent Falls from Heights

WHITEHORSE: On Christmas Eve, 2009, tragedy struck in Toronto when five workers who were not wearing fall protection fell 13 stories from a broken swing stage (hanging scaffolding); four workers died at the scene and a fifth was seriously injured.

While Yukon buildings are not as high, the same failure to use required fall protection when working at heights (3 metres / 10 feet) continues to take a toll at Yukon workplaces.

The Occupational Health and Safety branch of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board has released the preliminary findings of its investigations into three recent falls from heights at Yukon workplaces.

These preliminary findings describe the direct causes of these preventable injuries.

Making this information available to employers and workers allows them to understand what went wrong in these three situations and take appropriate actions to ensure similar incidents do not happen in their workplaces.

Details of the preliminary findings can be found at www.wcb.yk.ca.

OH&S investigations into these incidents continue to examine root causes before final reports are authored.

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