Hazard Alert

Fall from Height

A worker fell from a second level floor opening in a residential/commercial construction site in Yellowknife.

The worker was not using fall protection and fell over 3 metres through an open area while working on installing floor trusses. The worker struck their head and shoulder on the concrete pad on the first level.

The worker sustained a head injury and was taken to hospital by ambulance and later medevac to Edmonton.

Fall Protection

All workers in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut who work at heights of 3 metres or more, without standard guardrails, must wear CSA approved fall protection equipment. This includes all work done on roofs by structural steel erectors, framers, and similar tradespersons, regardless of the pitch of the roof.

You can prevent falls by:

- Planning and implementing a fall protection plan;
- Ensuring workers receive proper training on the use of all PPE;
- Ensuring all PPE is in good working order;
- Making sure you securely cover all floor openings; and
- Maintaining a good housekeeping program.

For more information on fall protection and working at heights refer to Sections 103-109 and 118-122 of the NWT and Nunavut *Occupational Health & Safety Regulations*, and the WSCC Code of Practice on *Fall Protection PPE*.