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“Every day, construction workers cope with the risks of falling from ladders, scaffolding, and roofs. Tragic as they are, workplace incidents result in increased costs for employers.”

“But it’s not all about money. More than 90 percent of BC construction companies have 10 or fewer workers. Many of these coworkers are blood relations, while others just feel like family. They’ve known these people for 10 or 15 or 20 years and they’re the same crew coming in to work. Owners want to protect their family as well as protect themselves financially.”

Invest in safety up front, at the planning stage of any project.

“Safety is not an add-on. It’s built in at the front end. Unless you design your systems at the front end to be safe, it doesn’t help two or three months into the job to have someone come in and try to tag on an extra bit of safety. Life is not like that – you have to design safety into the front end.”

About COCA

The Council of Construction Associations (COCA) represents all major construction associations (21 in all) and acts on behalf of the construction industry in WCB matters. The construction industry contributes about \$270 million in assessments to the WCB, about 27% of WCB assessment revenue.

The Council is governed by a Board of Directors from the sponsoring associations, while the BC Construction Association provides administrative support. Ken Farey is the Chair of COCA.

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