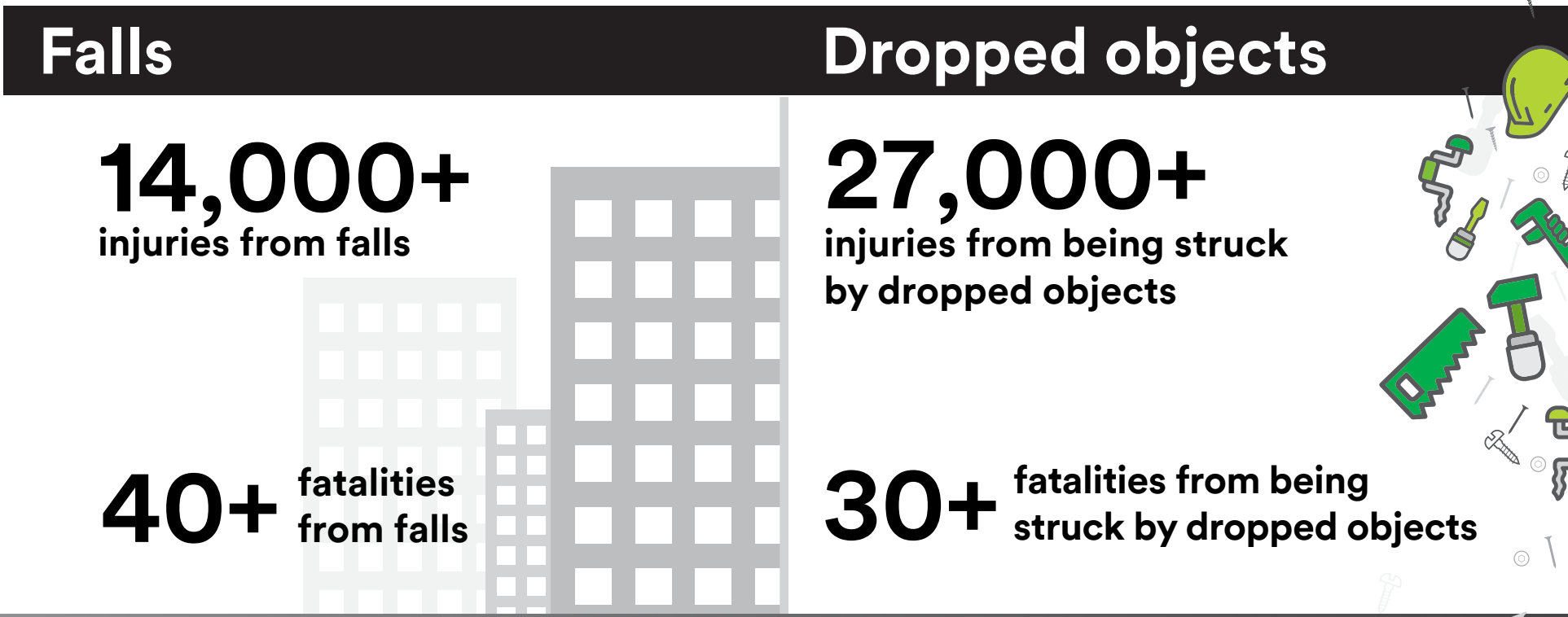


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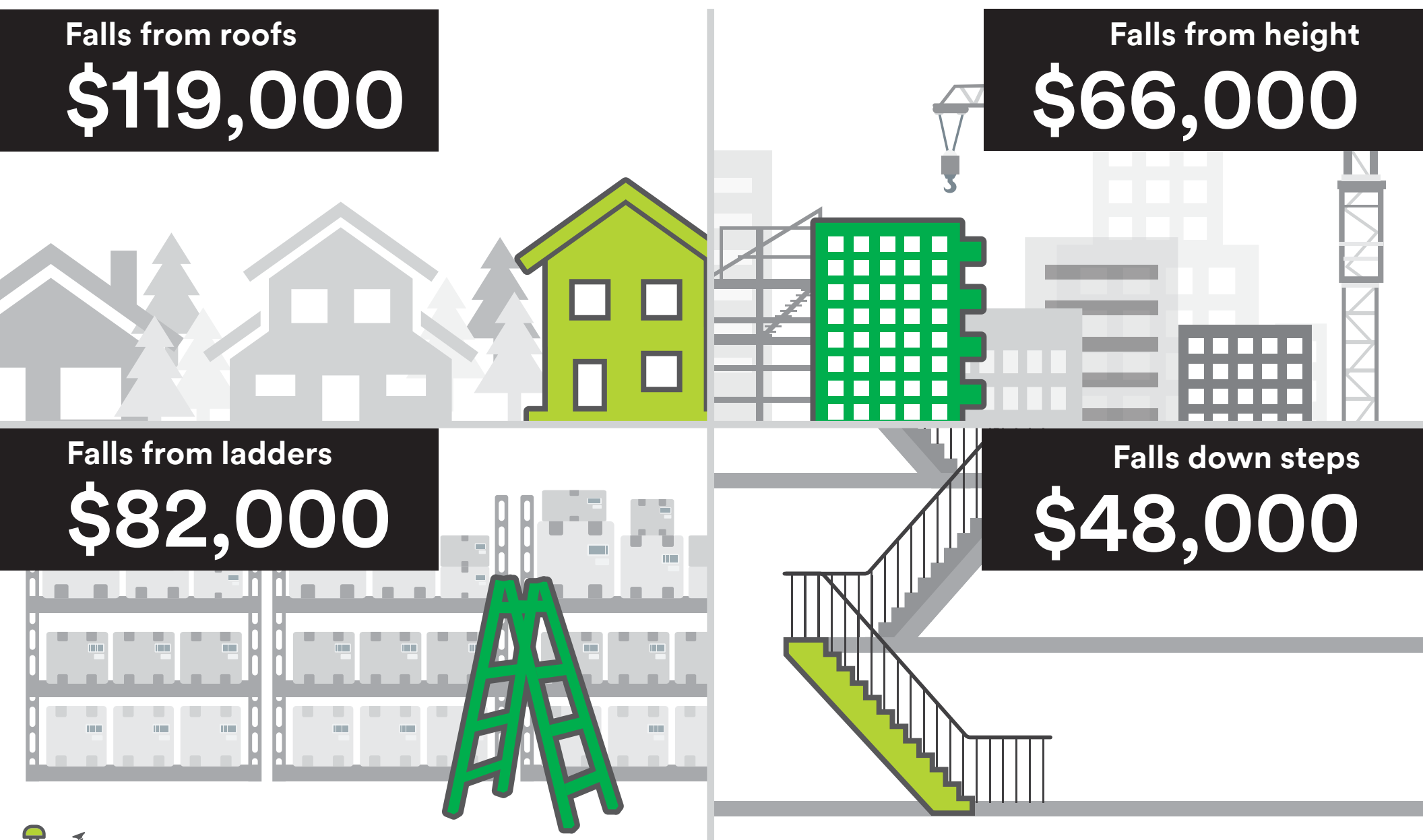
Falls from heights and dropped objects can have dangerous consequences for both workers and companies. Awareness of the dangers associated with working at heights is the first step in helping prevent injuries from falls and dropped objects.



Annual Canadian fall protection occupational injuries or fatalities facts*



Fall-related injury or fatality costs per claim*



Top ten reasons why objects get dropped when working at heights

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| 1. Inadequate risk assessment
<i>Failure to identify dropped object hazard.</i> | 6. Poor housekeeping
<i>Pre-existing hazards from previous tasks.</i> |
| 2. Human factors
<i>Operator error, poor behaviour, complacency, neglect.</i> | 7. Collisions and snagging
<i>Lifting, travelling equipment, tag lines, service loops.</i> |
| 3. Inadequately stored or secured tools and equipment
<i>No tool lanyards or tethers being used. No containment of loose items.</i> | 8. Inadequate inspection, repair and maintenance
<i>Ignoring unsafe conditions.</i> |
| 4. Inadequate procedures
<i>Bad planning, no management of changing workplace hazards.</i> | 9. Redundant, neglected and home-made tools and equipment
<i>These should be eliminated.</i> |
| 5. Failed fixtures and fittings
<i>Corrosion, vibration, poor design, selection or improper installation.</i> | 10. Environmental factors
<i>Wind, sea motion, ice, snow, extreme conditions.</i> |