



Industrial accident

A fatal accident happened on **12 Aug 2019**, in which a worker was suspected to have fallen into the sea together with the bulldozer he was operating at the time of accident. The Construction Industry Council would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated that if you could cascade the below message to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much!

Relevant hyperlink: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201908/12/P2019081200615.htm?fontSize=1>

Source: Information Services Department

Recommendations

► As a contractor / subcontractor / employer:

1. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for this kind of work and take into account the hazards identified and evaluated during the assessment to develop a safe system of work;
2. Provide their workers with the necessary safety information, instruction, training and supervision;
3. Intensify safety measures on the use of machinery / mobile plant, lifejackets/buoyancy aids for work over/near water;
4. Develop and implement suitable safety measures to prevent any person from falling from height;
5. Establish effective rescue and emergency arrangement to safeguard workers in an emergency situation.

► As an operator:

1. Receive proper training and hold valid license / certificates;
2. Compliance with the safety requirements in terms sequence of work and PPE;
3. If any problem found, stop work and seek for assistant from site foreman

► As a foreman:

1. Safe work methods should be properly implemented according to the safety plan;
2. Implementation of safe work methods should be adequately monitored and supervised.

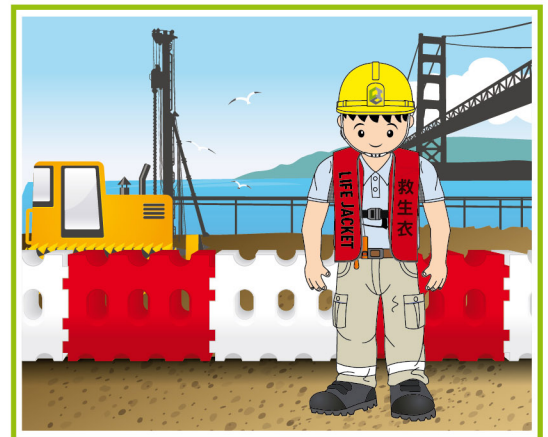
► As a safety practitioner:

1. Conduct risk assessment, identify and address all potential hazards involved in the work over/near water;
2. Develop and implement an effective proactive inspection program to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed and report any non-compliances.

The above only listed out key points of safety measures, for more information please make reference to 《Safety and Health at Work (Land-based Construction over Water – Prevention of Fall)》 issued by Labour Department, 《Safety Guide for Construction Work over / near Water》 issued by Marine Department and Labour Department.



Employers, contractors and persons in charge of works should, with due regard to the working conditions, conduct risk assessment and formulate and implement appropriate control measures, including provisions for prevention of fall into water.



Employers, contractors and persons in charge of works should provide workers with suitable personal protective equipment and ensure the proper use of them. If there is a risk of fall into water, every worker should wear a suitable lifejacket.

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