



## Industrial accident

An accident happened on the morning of **14 Jul 2020** on a construction site at Kai Tak, in which a worker while assisting in loading machine components onto the compartment of a lorry was hit by a machine component slid down on the lorry compartment. He was injured and certified dead in the hospital.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below 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/202007/14/P2020071400896.htm?fontSize=1>  
Source: Information Services Department

## Recommendations

### ► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

1. Appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the sizes, weights, shapes and stabilities of the machine components, the working environment and any possible displacement when the components are placed;
2. Formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work, including how to securely placed the component and provide the necessary support / equipment so as to eliminate all potential hazards identified;
3. Appoint a competent and experienced person to oversee the relevant monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed; and
4. Provide workers/employees involved with adequate information, instruction and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.

### ► As Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Fence off the area for the loading activity with suitable warning notices displayed and adopting control measures to prevent any unauthorised entry into the fenced-off area;
2. Ensure that the stability of the loading component and prevent accidental slip or overturning, and use suitable and adequate means of support for the component with due regard to its size, weight and shape; and
3. Ensure all the safety devices are adjusted to correct settings and are kept in safe working order at all times.

### ► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Assist the competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessment with respect to the operation and actual site conditions. Then assist the employer to formulate safe working methods and procedures in compliance with the requirements of safety legislation and guidelines; and
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, for more information please make reference to 《Construction sites (Safety) Regulations》, the 《Safe System of Work》 and 《5 Steps to Risk Assessment》 issued by the Labour Department.



Use suitable tools to support the component

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