



Industrial Accident (February 2022)

A fatal work accident happened on 28 February 2022 at a construction site in Mid-levels, in which a worker was suspected to have fallen from height while dismantling a bamboo scaffold at the external wall of a residential building under renovation. 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 link: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202202/28/P2022022800802.htm>
Source: Information Services Department

Recommendations

► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

1. Appoint a competent person to conduct risk assessment with consideration on relevant works activity and address potential hazards especially falling hazards. Then develop relevant safe working methods and procedures;
2. Appoint a competent person to monitor and supervise the prepared and endorsed safe system of work; and
3. Provide all necessary information, instructions, training and supervision for all workers / employees to ensure they know about the hazards in the workplace and the necessary precautions to be adopted.

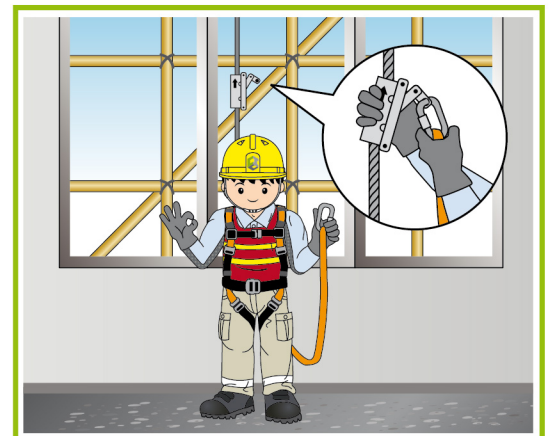
► As a Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Ensure working at height activities are carried out in strict accordance with the method statement, safety procedures and safety measures;
2. Provide every worker engaged in erection / dismantling / alteration of scaffolds with a suitable safety harness that is attached continuously to a suitable and secure anchor point, an independent lifeline or a fall arresting system, and ensure the proper use of them by the workers / employees concerned;
3. Ensure all components of the fall protection system are able to withstand any loads of forces that might be imposed on them and should be such that they cannot be accidentally removed, dislodged or become unfastened;
4. Implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed by workers.

► 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 programme 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 the **Code of Practice For Bamboo Scaffolding Safety**, the **Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems** issued by the Labour Department and **Guidelines on Planking Arrangement for Providing Working Platforms on Bamboo Scaffolds** and **Work-at-Height Safety Handbook** issued by the CIC.



Provision of suitable PPE.



Under supervision by competent person.

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