



Industrial Accident (October 2021)

An accident happened at a Tseung Kwan O construction site on 24 October morning, in which a worker while working fell through a floor opening from 1M/F to 1/F of a building under construction. The worker was certified dead in hospital.

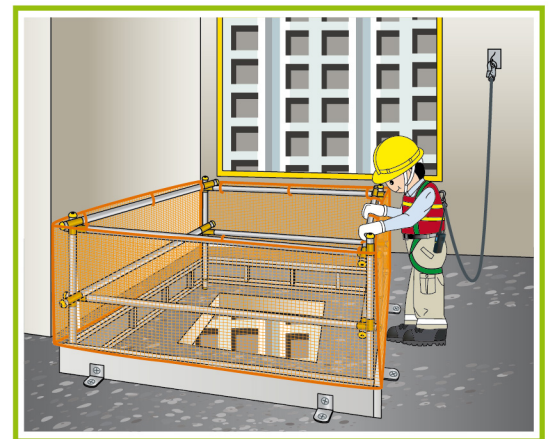
The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much!

Relevant link: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202110/24/P2021102400729.htm>
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Recommendations

► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

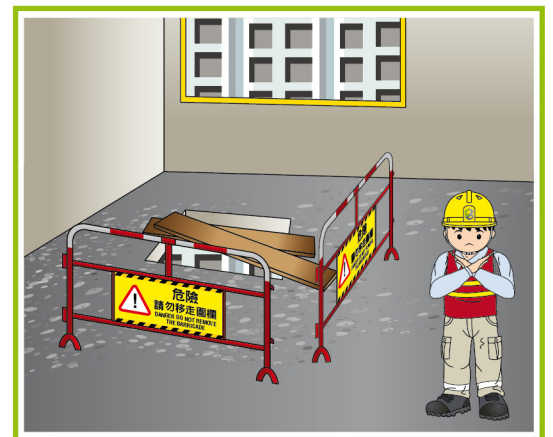
1. Appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with working at height, after taking into account the nature of work and the working environment;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
3. Ensure that every working platform is properly planked; and every plank rests securely and evenly on its supports;
4. Ensure that all nearby dangerous edges, openings or void spaces are properly fenced off or covered and so constructed as to prevent fall of persons, materials and articles ;
5. If these are not reasonably practicable, set up a fall arresting system and provide necessary equipment to every worker concerned; and
6. Provide workers with adequate information, instructions and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.



Whilst installing, altering or dismantling fall protection facilities, suitable fall arresting system should be provided to workers.

► As a Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Ensure the works are carried out in strict accordance with the method statement, safety procedures and safety measures;
2. Implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed by workers;
3. Worker should stop working and report to supervisor immediately when he / she encounters unsafe environment or there is inadequate personal protection equipment provided to him / her; and
4. Do not make unauthorised alteration to the protective measures.



Worker should stop working and report to supervisor immediately when unsafe environment is observed or there is inadequate personal protection equipment provided.

► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Conduct risk assessment, identify and address all potential hazards involved in working-at-height activities; and
2. Assist the employer to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed, and to report any non-compliances.

The above only listed out key points of safety, for more information please make reference to the **Construction Site (Safety) Regulations**, the **Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems** issued by the Labour Department and **Work-at-Height Safety Handbook** issued by the CIC.

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