



## Industrial accident (January 2021)

An accident happened on 15 January 2021, in which a worker fell (2m) from the crane to the ground on a construction site and passed away 10 days later.

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!

## 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 and lifting operation, and taking into account the nature of work and the working environment;
2. Provide suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work, and ensure they are regularly checked and repaired;
3. Where the plant is fitted with dedicated platforms, ensure that the designated accessories such as guardrails and toeboards are properly and securely fixed at the platforms in accordance with the manufacturer's / supplier's recommendations or specifications;
4. Where there is no dedicated platforms equipped to the plant, provide and ensure the proper use of suitable working platforms or other safe means of support, such as mobile working platforms by workers who are required to work-above-ground;
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, instruction and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures and safety measures.

### ► 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.

### ► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Assist 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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