



## Industrial Accident (December 2021)

An accident happened at a building demolition site in North Point on 6 December 2021, in which a male worker, while working at the external wall of the building under demolition, was suspected to have been struck by bricks fallen from another demolition site nearby. He was admitted to hospital and certified dead 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!

Relevant link: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202112/06/P2021120600751.htm>

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## Recommendations

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

1. The exterior wall work and any demolition procedures must be properly planned and arrangements for partial or segmented construction should be made;
2. Establish and maintain an effective coordination and liaison system between contractors / subcontractors / employers and different levels of management to ensure that the relevant risk control plans are implemented;
3. An effective monitoring and control system should be implemented and maintained to ensure that working procedures at different heights do not take place at the same time unless adequate measures have been taken to ensure that the relevant work does not affect each other; and
4. Workers must be provided with adequate information, instructions, training and supervision to ensure safety at work.

### ► As a Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. When working, workers shall ensure that there is no construction above; if there is a material difference in the construction environment from the original plan, such as demolition at upper level, the work shall be suspended and reported to the supervisor;
2. The scaffolding platform should also be properly planked, with protective measures for the platform on several levels below, and regular cleaning of rubbish to avoid falling of debris such as timber members;
3. Ensure that there are no loose materials or excessive accumulation of materials placed or stacked on the edge of the building or openings to prevent materials from falling;
4. In addition to the railing at floor edge, toe board should also be provided to prevent materials from falling; and
5. Workers must have received appropriate training and possessed sufficient experience with correct use of personal protective equipment (including helmet straps).

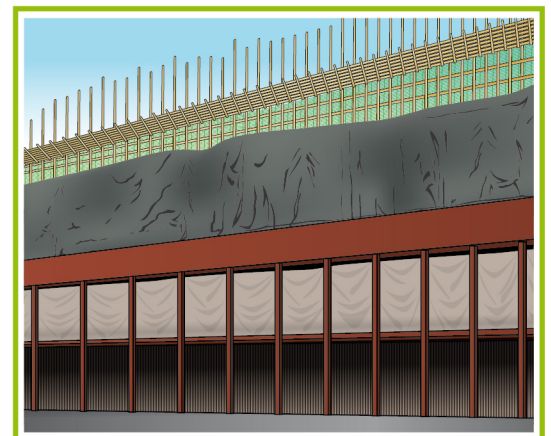
### ► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Conduct risk assessment and safety construction procedures for exterior walls and scaffolding works; and
2. Develop and implement effective and proactive inspection plans to ensure strict compliance with safety measures and to report non-compliance with safety requirements.

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 the Selection, Use and Maintenance of Safety Helmets** issued by the Labour Department and the **Guidelines on Planking Arrangement for Providing Working Platforms on Bamboo Scaffolds** issued by the Construction Industry Council.



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The exterior wall work and any demolition procedures must be properly planned and fenced off.

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