



SCAFFOLDER FELL FROM HEIGHT AND CERTIFIED DEATH AFTER SENDING TO HOSPITAL

An accident happened on 13 December 2022, a scaffolder fell from the scaffolds of the external wall of a detached house, he suffered head injury and fell into coma on spot, and certified death after sending to hospital.

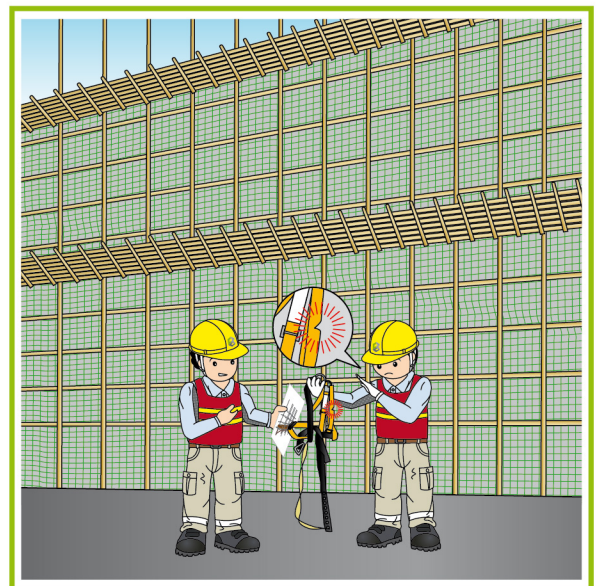
The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much.

Common Accidents

1. Not using Proper PPE.
2. Defective PPE.
3. Not trained personnel to conduct scaffold work.
4. No competent person directly supervises the scaffold work.

Critical Control Measures

1. Identify falling risks, establish system of work and ensure measures implemented.
2. Check for a secure anchor point and ensure that the independent lifeline is properly connected with the anchor point.
3. Ensure proper use of quality PPE.
4. The scaffolding work is conducted by trained personnel.
5. The scaffolding work is directly supervised by competent person.



Worker should stop work and report to supervisor immediately when encountering unsafe environment or inadequate personal protection equipment.



SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

What if all stakeholders can act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, can similar accident be avoided?

- In the design stage, the designer or engineer should consider the future maintenance works, and prepare a design to lower down the risk of future maintenance.
- During the construction stage, the construction team shall conduct the risk assessment and develop safe working procedure.
- The construction team could provide sufficient supervision, and identify the changes in the process or the environment through dynamic risk assessment, and apply control measure to eliminate the hazard.
- Worker can identify any changes in the construction process and report it to their supervisors and take action against it immediately.

Reference information for sharing



Reference Material on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry



Reference Material on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry (Practical Reference Guidance On Erection and Dismantling of Scaffold or Platform)



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