



A WORKER FELL TO HIS DEATH IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT MID-LEVELS WEST

An accident happened on 10 June 2023 in a construction site at Mid-levels West, in which a worker fell from height and was certified death the next day. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be 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

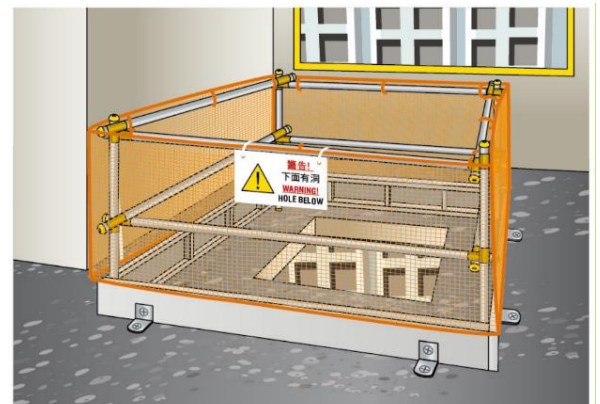
1. Fall from the floor opening reserved for the works.
2. Fall from unprotected edge.
3. PPE is not properly used and safety harness is not connected to anchorage point.
4. Failure to use proper working platform.

Critical Control Measures

1. Identify falling risks, establish system of work and ensure measures are implemented.
2. Make sure that the dynamic risk assessment to identify and manage the risks and hazards induced by the changes in the process or working environment is carried out before commencement of the work.
3. Ensure openings are securely covered and fenced off to prevent workers fall from height.
4. Ensure proper use of PPE by workers.
5. Adopt safety technologies to enhance safety management and reduce risks with respect to the work environment.
6. Provide workers with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures and safety measures.



Life First – Walk the Talk – Safety of Working at Height was held on 14 July 2022. Please watch replay of the Webinar at CIC website.



Provide guard-rails, toe-boards and warning signs at the floor opening



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 and engineer should consider the operations and establish the proper method and relevant safety measures.
- During the construction stage, the construction team could have effectively implemented fall prevention management and provide cover with stopper and fencing for all openings.
- The construction team can make use of risk assessment to identify the openings that could occur during construction, and apply control measures to eliminate the hazards.
- Workers can identify openings with potential falling risks and report it to their supervisors and take action against it.

Reference information for sharing



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