

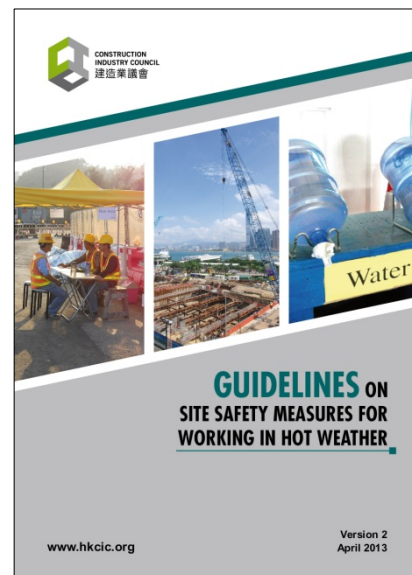
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New “Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather” Issued by the Construction Industry Council

Hong Kong • 29 April 2013 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather” (Guidelines). The Guidelines set out the framework for good practice and measures that may be taken to protect construction workers working in hot weather.

Introduction

Working in hot weather (particularly in the summer months) for a prolonged period of time poses threats to the health of workers if no appropriate measures are taken. In accordance with the “Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance” (Chapter 509) and “Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance” (Chapter 59), every employer must ensure the safety and health at work of all employees. This publication sets out good practices that may be readily implemented by the industry stakeholders during the summer months, in order to minimise the risk towards site personnel working in hot weather.



Guidelines on Site Safety Measures for Working in Hot Weather
(Version 2 – April 2013)

Publication of Guidelines

The Guidelines provide guidance for employers, main contractors, subcontractors and construction workers, on heat stress assessments as well as safety measures and special arrangements for working in hot weather at construction sites.

Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Committee on Construction Site Safety of



the CIC said, “The Guidelines set out good practices in ensuring safety and health protection to construction workers.” He added that the implementation of these measures in construction work sites would also enhance work efficiency and productivity, thus creating a win-win situation for both employers and workers.

As the summer months are approaching, the CIC encourages industry stakeholders to take concerted efforts in building up a better and safer working environment by adopting the good practices as recommended in the Guidelines.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry’s needs and aspirations to Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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