

A WORKER FELL TO HIS DEATH AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN TUNG CHUNG

On 7 October 2026, a worker fell from height while dismantling a working platform on the external wall of a building under construction in Tung Chung. He was certified dead later in hospital. 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. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is not properly used and safety harness is not connected to an anchorage point.
2. Workers fail to comply with the safe working procedures of the dismantling works.
3. Failure to implement effective monitoring and supervision systems to ensure that workers strictly comply with relevant safe working procedures.
4. Failure to conduct dynamic risk assessments and take appropriate safety measures in response to changes in the environment and procedures.

Critical Control Measures

1. Prior to the commencement of works, construction team should conduct risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the dismantling works.
2. Formulating safe working procedures for the demolition works with due regard to the results of risk assessments in order to minimise the risks exposed to the workers concerned.
3. Ensuring the works are carried out by workmen with adequate training and experience under the on-site supervision of a competent person.
4. When dismantling working platform, a worker must wear a full body safety harness with its lanyard attached to a secure anchor point (e.g. an eye bolt) or an independent lifeline with a fall arrester.
5. All anchorages should be designed to withstand a minimum pull-out force of 6 kN.
6. Providing substantive support to the adjoining structures and the structures to be demolished where necessary, in order to prevent any parts of the structures from accidental detachment, collapse, toppling or failure.
7. A clear indication of dismantling sequences should be placed on site to avoid wrong working sequences.
8. Use appropriate Smart Site Safety System (4S), for example, adopt Digitised Permit-to-work System for high-risk activities. The person in-charge of the work should only authorise workers to carry out the related high-risk activities after confirming that all necessary safety measures have been taken.
9. The work team should have developed an effective monitoring and supervision system to ensure compliance with the above measures.



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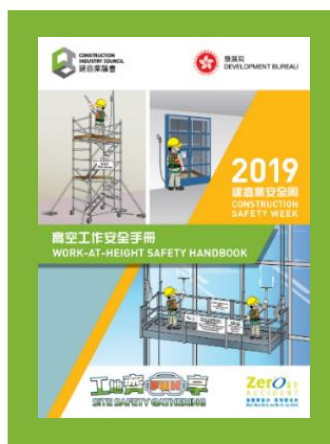
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SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

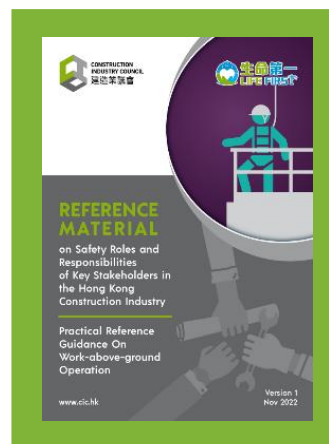
What if all stakeholders can act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, can similar accidents be avoided?

- In the design stage, designers and engineers should review the working methods in order to eliminate, reduce or control foreseeable risks of the dismantling works.
- During the construction stage, the work team should establish and implement an effective management system to ensure that the working platforms, personal protective equipment and anchorages (e.g. independent lifeline) are inspected before work and are in good working order.
- The work team could constantly identify the changes in the process or the environment through dynamic risk assessment and apply control measures to eliminate the hazard.
- Workers should follow the developed safe working procedures, if any risks of falling from height is identified, report it to their supervisors and take action against it immediately.

Reference Information



Work-at-Height Safety
Handbook



Reference Material on
Safety Roles and Responsibilities
of Key Stakeholders in the
Hong Kong Construction Industry
(Practical Reference Guidance On
Work-above-ground Operation)



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