



A WORKER FELL TO DEATH WHILE LAYING CABLES AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE

On 10 October 2023, a worker fell from height while he was laying cables at a construction site in Yau Ma Tei. He was certified dead after sending to the 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. Failure to use proper working platform for work-above-ground.
2. PPE is not properly used and safety harness is not connected to anchorage point.
3. Lack of regular inspection and maintenance work of working platform.
4. Fall from unprotected edge.

Critical Control Measures

1. In the first place, work-above-ground should be avoided as far as possible. Whenever work-above-ground could not be avoided after conducting risk assessments, suitable working platforms should be provided and properly used.
2. Provide workers with the necessary safety information, instructions and trainings, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures and safety measures.
3. Ensure proper use of PPE by workers.
4. 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.
5. Identify falling risks, establish system of work and ensure that all measures are implemented.
6. Adopt safety technologies to enhance safety management and reduce risks with respect to the changes of working environment.
7. Ensure the working platform should be regularly inspected by authorised persons.



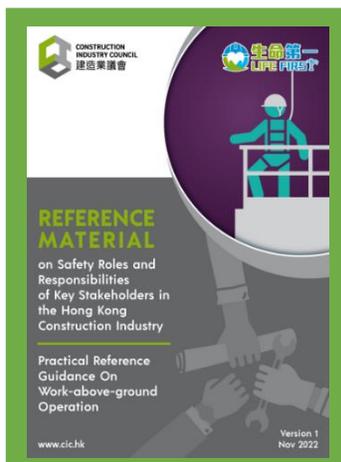


SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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 adopt the proper methods and relevant safety measures.
- During the construction stage, the work team should effectively implement work-above-ground management, provide working platforms to workers and ensure the proper use for workers to carry out work-above-ground.
- The construction team can make use of risk assessment to identify the risk that could occur during construction and apply control measures to eliminate the hazards.
- Workers can identify the environment with potential falling risks and report it to their supervisors and take action against it.

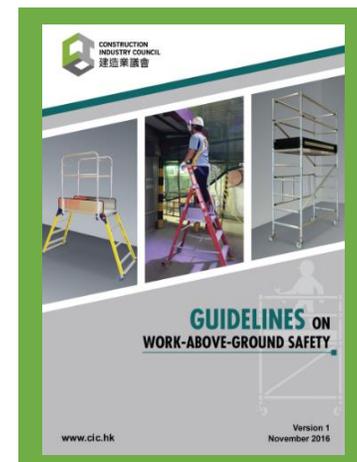
Reference information for sharing



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



Work-at-Height Safety Handbook



Guidelines on Work-above-ground Safety



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