

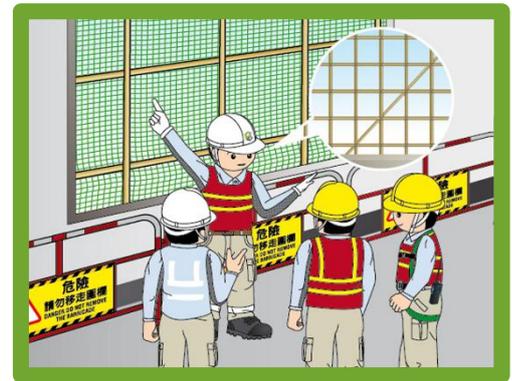


# FATAL FALL OF A WORKER WHILE ERECTING A BAMBOO SCAFFOLD IN TAI PO

On 24 February 2026, a worker fell from height while erecting a bamboo scaffold at the external wall of a building in Tai Po. 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. Safety alertness of management and workers might have diminished after long holidays.
2. Failure to provide relevant workers with an effective fall arresting system (e.g. secure anchorage point and independent lifeline) during bamboo scaffolding work.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is not properly used and safety harness is not connected to the anchorage point.
4. Failure to supervise the erecting, altering or dismantling works for bamboo scaffolds by a competent person.
5. Failure to conduct dynamic risk assessments and take appropriate safety measures in response to changes in the environment after long holidays.



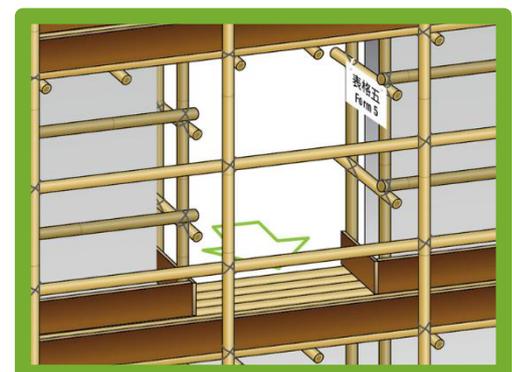
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## Critical Control Measures

1. The construction team should develop **a comprehensive safety plan for before and after long holidays**.
2. In terms of bamboo scaffolding work, after long holidays, management should **fully advise workers to follow safety precautions when working at height** and strengthen supervision to ensure that the measures have been properly implemented.
3. **After long holidays, all bamboo scaffolds and working platforms should be inspected by a competent person** to ensure that they are in safe condition before putting them into use again or resuming operation.
4. When erecting, altering and dismantling bamboo scaffolds, a worker must **wear a full body safety harness with its lanyard attached to a secure anchorage** (e.g. an eye bolt) or an independent lifeline with a fall arrester.
5. All anchorages or fall arresters should be designed to withstand a minimum pull-out force of **6 kilonewtons (kN)**.
6. A competent person should focus on **monitoring the safe condition of the bamboo scaffold and trained workmen**, and should not engage in the erecting, altering and dismantling bamboo scaffolds at the same time.
7. **Safe access to and egress** from place of work should be provided for the scaffolders.
8. Provide workers with the **necessary safety information, instructions and training**, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures and safety measures.



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

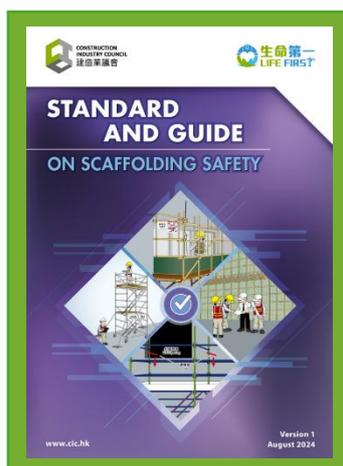
What if all stakeholders can act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, can similar accidents be avoided?

- In the design stage, designers and engineers should take into accounts the work environment prior to the commencement of works; and select suitable working platforms and anchorage system.
- During the construction stage, the work team should establish and implement an effective monitoring and management system to ensure that the working platforms, personal protective equipment and anchorages (e.g. independent lifeline) are inspected before work, ensuring that they are in good working order.
- The work team should provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every workplace.
- Workers should follow the developed safe working procedures, if any risk of falling from height is identified, report it to their supervisors immediately.

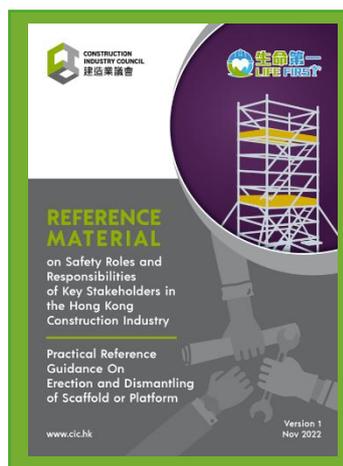
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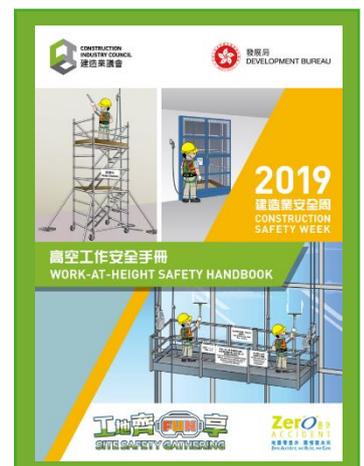
Guidelines on  
Planking Arrangement for  
Providing Working Platforms  
on Bamboo Scaffolds



Standard and Guide on  
Scaffolding Safety



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



Work-at-Height Safety  
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