



Industrial accident

A serious accident happened on **15 October 2019**, in which a female banksman was suspected of being knocked down by a cherry picker while she was leading the movement of it. The Construction Industry Council would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated that if you could cascade the below message to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much!

Recommendations

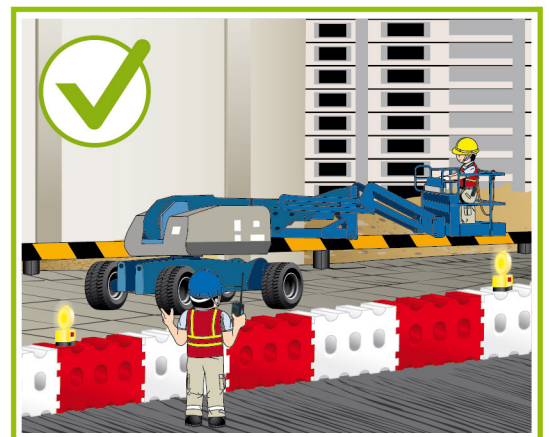
► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

1. Appoint a competent person to conduct a task-specific risk assessment to identify all potential hazards associated with the plant operation, taking into account all relevant factors. Then formulates relevant safe working methods and procedures.
2. Appoint a competent person to monitor and supervise the endorsed safe system of work, which includes segregating workers from the operating zone of mobile vehicles and exercising strict access control measures.
3. Provide workers/employees involved with adequate information, instruction and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.



► As Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Fence off the operating zone of the machine as far as reasonably practicable with suitable warning notices displayed and adopt control measures to prevent any unauthorized entry into the fenced off area.
2. Attention should be drawn to the working position of the banksman to avoid being endangered by the movement of any machine operating in the vicinity.
3. Provide workers with corresponding PPE and ensure appropriate use of them, such that they could be easily seen by operators of any machine in the vicinity.
4. When the working conditions become unsafe, stop work and report the unsafe conditions to supervisors.



► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Conduct risk assessment, identify and address all potential hazards involved in working at height activities;
2. Develop and implement an effective proactive inspection program to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed and report any non-compliances.

The above only listed out key points of safety measures, for more information please make reference to《Construction Site (Safety) Regulations》issued by Labour Department, and《Safety Alert No. 003/15 – Traffic Safety on Construction Sites》issued by Construction Industry Council.

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