



Industrial accident

A fatal accident happened on **3 December 2019**, in which a worker was suspected to have been struck by a fallen I-beam being dismantled at a construction site in Tin Shui Wai. The worker was certified dead in the hospital on the same day.

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much!

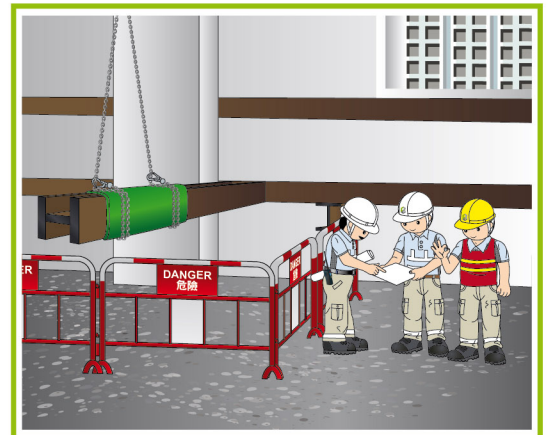
Relevant hyperlink: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201912/03/P2019120300907.htm?fontSize=1>

Source: Information Services Department

Recommendations

► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

1. Appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the nature of work and the working environment;
2. Formulate appropriate safe work methods and procedures, detailing the methods and sequences in each stage of alteration and dismantling; the plant and equipment to be used;
3. Ensure that the alteration / dismantling works are carried out by trained workmen with adequate experience under the immediate supervision of a supervisor;
4. Provide all personnel concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.



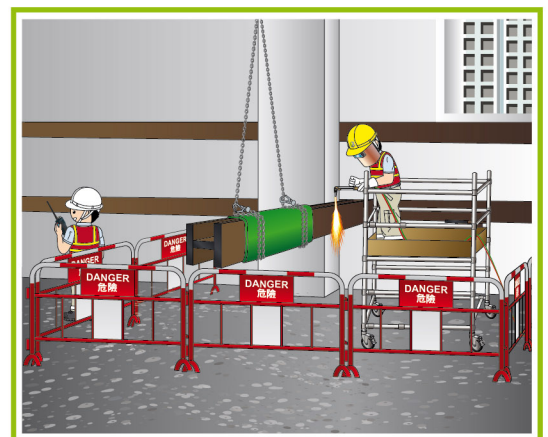
Ensure the alteration / dismantling works are carried out according to method statement and safety procedures.

► As a foremen and frontline worker:

1. Ensure the alteration/dismantling works are carried out in strict accordance with the method statement, safety procedures and safety measures;
2. Implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed by workers;
3. Establish a danger zone for alteration / dismantling works to avoid unauthorized entry into the zone.

► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment on the relevant procedures of alteration and dismantling, propose risk control measures to eliminate the hazards;
2. Provide safety training to relevant personnel and workers;
3. Develop and implement an effective, proactive inspection programme to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed, and to report any non-compliances.



Establish a danger zone to avoid unauthorized entry.

The above only listed out key points of safety, for more information please make reference to the 《Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations》, the 《Safe System of Work》 and 《5 Steps to Risk Assessment》 issued by the Labour Department.

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