



Industrial accident

A serious accident happened on **23 March 2020**, in which a worker fell from height in the course of clearing debris. The worker was later certified dead in hospital.

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/202003/23/P2020032300273.htm?fontSize=1>
Source: Information Services Department

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 slope works, taking into account the nature of work and the work environment, particularly those dangerous places where workers will work and are liable to fall;
2. Firstly consider whether the work can safely be done from ground or a safe place and avoiding workers performing work at any dangerous places with falling hazard by using specially designed tools / equipment;
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. Provide and maintain suitable and adequately safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
2. Take steps to ensure that all dangerous places where workers will work and from which they are liable to fall are securely fenced;
3. Where the erection of fencing to places with falling hazard is not reasonably practicable and working at such dangerous places cannot be avoided, providing every worker with a suitable safety harness with its lanyard continuously attached to a suitable and secure anchorage point throughout the work and taking all reasonable steps to ensure the proper use of them by the worker.

► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Conduct risk assessment and assist the employer to formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work and following the requirements of safety legislation and guidelines;
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》 and 《Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems》 issued by Labour Department.



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