



## Industrial accident (May 2021)

An accident happened on 8 May 2021 on a construction site at Lamma Island, in which a worker while operating a vehicle to transport a large rock down a ramp, was thrown out from the driver's seat after the vehicle collided with the rock that fell out of the vehicle. He was injured and certified dead in the 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 link: <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/08/P2021050800934.htm>  
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 sizes, weights, shapes and stabilities of the components, the working environment and any possible displacement when the components are placed;
2. Formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work, including how to securely place the component and provide the necessary support or equipment so as to eliminate all potential hazards identified;
3. Appoint a competent and experienced person to oversee the relevant monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed; and
4. Provide workers / employees involved with adequate information, instructions and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.

### ► As a Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Fence off the area for loading activities with suitable warning notices displayed and adopt control measures to prevent any unauthorised entry into the fenced-off area;
2. Ensure that the stability of the loading component and prevent accidental slip or overturning, and use suitable and adequate means of support for the component with due regard to its size, weight and shape; and
3. Ensure all safety devices are adjusted to correct settings and are kept in safe working order at all times.

### ► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Assist the competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessment with respect to the operation and actual site conditions. Then assist the employer in formulating safe working methods and procedures in compliance with the requirements of safety legislation and guidelines; and
2. Develop and implement an effective proactive inspection programme to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed and report any non-compliances.



The material should be tied and fixed properly on vehicles

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

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