



Industrial accident (June 2021)

An accident happened on 8 June 2021, in which a worker was operating mobile elevated working platform (MEWP), his neck was suspected to be trapped between the pipe and the railing of the MEWP. He was severely injured and unconscious after the accident and passed away two days later 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!

Recommendations

► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

1. Appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with machine checking or maintenance after taking into account the nature of work and the working environment;
2. Formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of risk assessments, the requirements of relevant safety legislation and safety guidelines;
3. Provide and ensure the proper use of machinery and protection equipment for workers as far as reasonably practicable; and
4. Provide workers with adequate information, instructions and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures and safety measures.

► As a Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Ensure the 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. Pay particular attention to possible presence of staff or other personnel in the vicinity before starting the machine; and
4. Ensure all relevant staff maintain effective communication during work.

► As a Safety Practitioner:

1. Assist employer to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed, and to report any non-compliances.



Pay attention to the surrounding of working place when using the MEWP

The above only listed out key points of safety, for more information please make reference to **the Construction Site (Safety) Regulations** and **Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms** issued by the Labour Department.

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