



A WORKER FELL TO HIS DEATH IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE AT CHAI WAN

An accident happened on 14 February 2023 in a construction site at Chai Wan. A worker fell from height above 12 metre, the injured worker was certified death after sending to hospital.

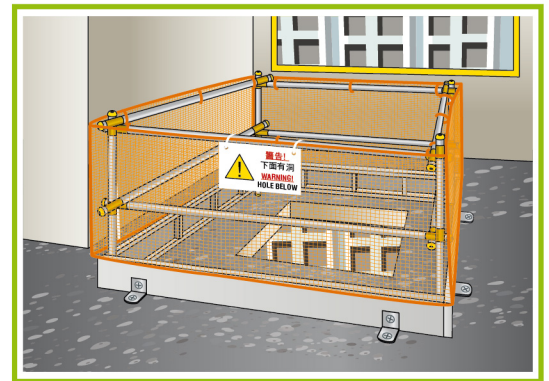
The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much.

Common Accidents

1. Fall from the floor opening left from previous works.
2. Fall from unprotected edge.
3. PPE not properly used and safety harness not connected to anchor point.

Critical Control Measures

1. Identify falling risks, establish system of work and ensure measures are implemented.
2. Ensure openings are securely covered and fenced off to prevent worker falling from height.
3. Ensure proper use of PPE.
4. Appoint on-site supervisor to ensure the operation is in accordance with procedures.
5. Adopt safety technology to enhance safety management and reduce risks with respect to working environment.



Provide guard-rails, toe-boards and warning signs at the floor opening.



Worker should stop working and report to supervisor immediately when unsafe environment is observed or there is inadequate personal protection equipment provided.



SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

What if all stakeholders can act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, can similar accident be avoided?

- In the design stage, the designer or engineer can determine the locations of openings in advance and establish control measures for the relevant openings;
- During construction stage, the construction team could have effectively implemented fall prevention management and provide cover with stopper and fencing for all openings;
- The construction team can make use of dynamic risk assessment to identify falling risks that could occur during construction, and apply control measures to eliminate hazards;
- Worker can identify fall opening and report it to their supervisors and take action against it.

Reference information for sharing



Reference Material on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry



Reference Material on Hole Management



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