



A WORKER FELL FROM HEIGHT AT SHA TIN MEI LAM ESTATE

An accident happened on 6 March 2023 at Sha Tin Mei Lam Estate. A worker fell from height from 6/F to 1/F during the bamboo scaffolding work outside the building, the injured worker was sent 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.

Critical Control Measures

Worker when erecting, altering or dismantling truss-out bamboo scaffold:

1. Should wear a safety harness
2. Safety harness should be attached to independent lifeline with fall arrestor while the independent lifeline should be connected to suitable and secure anchorage (e.g. eye bolt).
3. At least three anchorage bolts required for each bracket of the bamboo scaffold.

Property Management Company:

1. Ensure the contractor had notified the Labour Department at least 5 working days before the erection of the truss-out bamboo scaffold.
2. Ensure the finish of the erection of the truss-out bamboo scaffold and the completion of Form 5 of scaffold inspection report under Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations.

Video Information

Reference video: Bamboo Scaffolding Work (Chinese version only)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51VDXgoRGGI>



Use proper personal protective equipment.

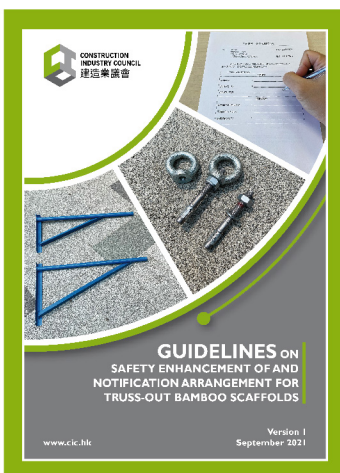


SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

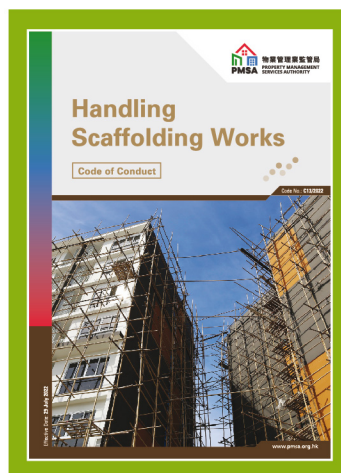
If all stakeholders act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities in safety, can accident be avoided?

- In the design stage, the designer or engineer should consider the future maintenance works and prepare a design to lower down the risk of future maintenance.
- During the construction stage, the construction team shall conduct the risk assessment and develop safe working procedure.
- The construction team could provide sufficient supervision and identify the changes in the process or the environment through dynamic risk assessment and apply control measure to eliminate the hazard.
- Worker can identify any changes in the construction process and report it to their supervisors and take action against it immediately.

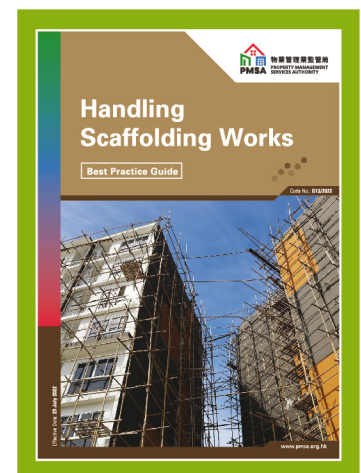
Reference information for sharing



Guidelines on Safety Enhancement of and Notification Arrangement for Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolds



Code of Conduct - Handling Scaffolding Works



Best Practice Guide - Handling Scaffolding Works



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