



Industrial accident

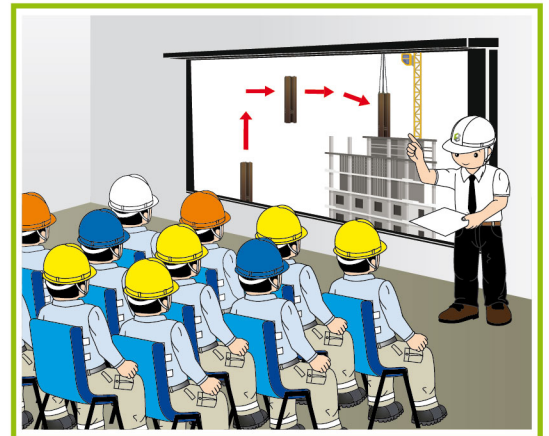
An accident happened on the afternoon of **27 Jun 2020** on a construction site at Kai Tak, in which a worker while erecting bamboo scaffold at the external wall at upper floor level of a building under construction was struck by a metal stanchion fallen from above, who then fell together with the stanchion on to the podium of the building and died. 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/202006/27/P2020062700828.htm?fontSize=1>
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Recommendations

► As a Contractor / Subcontractor / Employer:

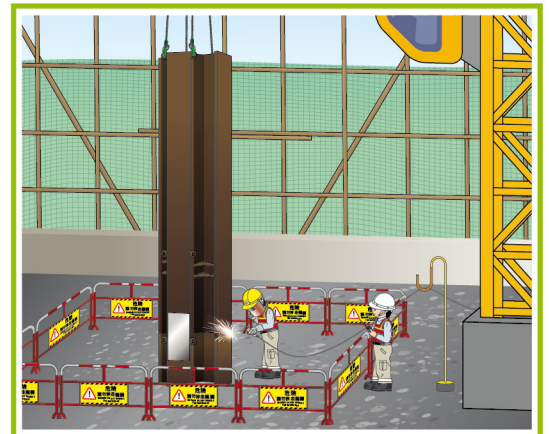
1. Appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking in to account the size, shape, weight and centre of gravity of the structures or parts thereof to be installed; the lifting appliances and lifting methods to be used in the lifting operation; and the work environment, with particular attention paid to the possible movement of the structures or parts thereof being installed;
2. Formulate a work plan with due consideration to the results of risk assessment, in order to eliminate or properly control the hazards;
3. Appoint a competent and experienced person to oversee the relevant operation to ensure that all risks are effectively reduced/ managed; and
4. Provide workers/employees involved with adequate information, instruction and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures.



Brief all relevant staff about the plan and procedures

► As Frontline Supervisor / Worker:

1. Fence off the area for the installation work with suitable warning notices displayed and adopting control measures to prevent any unauthorised entry into the fenced-off area; and
2. Ensure the structures being installed are properly and securely supported to prevent any unintended movement.



Establish a danger zone to avoid unauthorized entry

► 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 to formulate safe working methods and procedures in compliance with the requirements of safety legislation and guidelines; and
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, 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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