



Work Safety Alert Electrocution while Conducting Plastering Work

1. **Date of Accident :** July 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A construction site in Hung Hom
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a worker was suspected to have been electrocuted while conducting plastering work on a metal tubular scaffold.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

The contractor/employer at a construction site should:

- identify electrically hazardous conditions on the site, including defective electrical wirings and installations;
- rectify any electrically hazardous conditions on the site, including the isolation of power supply before work and proper earthing of metallic conductive parts (e.g. cable conduits, junction boxes and metallic enclosures etc.) so as to ensure the electrical safety at work ; and
- safeguard any person at work on the site against all electrically hazardous conditions by: providing residual current devices for all temporary electricity supply at the site; using proper electrical equipment made in accordance with the relevant international standards; and providing suitable insulated electrical tools, and personal protective equipment to the workers for protection against electric shock.



5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Factories and Industrial Undertakings \(Electricity\) Regulations](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes for The Safe Isolation of Electricity Source at Work](#)¹
- [Basic Electrical Safety Measures in the Workplace](#)¹
- [《電力工作意外致命個案集》](#)¹ (Chinese Version Only)

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