



Work Safety Alert
Fall from the Roof Top of a Lift Machine Room

1. **Date of Accident :** January 2013
2. **Place of Accident :** A commercial building in Central
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a technician fell a distance of about 5.5 metres to his death from the top of a lift machine room on the roof of a commercial building while reinforcing a newly installed TV antenna.

4. Work Safety Alert for employers :

To prevent fall from height, employers undertaking work at height on roofs should:

- conduct risk assessments to identify and rectify hazardous conditions, including unprotected roof edges;
- ensure that every edge on the roof at which work is to be performed is properly fenced as far as practicable;
- ensure that suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work on the roof are provided and maintained as far as practicable;
- where provision of fencing and safe access and egress is impracticable, provide suitable fall protection devices and exercise effective supervision to ensure the workers make full and proper use of the fall protection devices so provided; and
- implement effective monitoring system to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.



5. Reference :

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹

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