



Work Safety Alert Fall from a Lorry-mounted Crane

1. **Date of Accident :** December 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A depot in Yuen Long
3. **Summary :**

A worker fell from the deck of a lorry-mounted crane to the ground and later passed away.

4. **Work Safety Alert for Owners/Contractors :**

The owner of a lorry-mounted crane and the contractor responsible for any lifting operation involving the use of such crane should:

- conduct risk assessments and formulate safe working procedures for the lifting operation;
- ensure workers use proper and safe means of access to and egress from the deck of the lorry-mounted crane;
- as far as practicable avoid any person staying on the deck of the lorry-mounted crane while the crane is in use; otherwise ensure any jib movement and lifting/lowering operation do not endanger the person;
- station a signaller to give effective signals to the crane operator who does not have a clear and unrestricted view of its vicinity; and
- exercise adequate supervision to ensure that the above safety precautionary measures are strictly followed.



5. Reference :

- [Code of Practice for Safe Use of Mobile Cranes](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on Inspection, Thorough Examination and Testing of Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹

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