



## Work Safety Alert Fall through Floor Opening

1. **Date of Accident :** April 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A construction site in Tai Po
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a cladding installer fell to his death through a floor opening at the roof on 11/F to 3/F of a building under construction.

### 4. **Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :**

Contractors/employers undertaking building construction works should:

- identify and rectify the hazardous conditions of persons working at a height, including unprotected floor edges and openings;
- provide and maintain suitable guard-rails for unprotected floor edges and openings;
- ensure the provision and proper maintenance of suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work on the site;
- keep workplaces free from tripping hazards; and
- maintain floors in an even and non-slippery condition.

### 5. **Reference :**

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the](#)



[Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations](#)<sup>1</sup>

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