



Work Safety Alert

Fall through an Opening on the Roof of a Temporary Metal Structure

- 1. Date of Accident :** July 2012
- 2. Place of Accident :** A construction site in Tseung Kwan O
- 3. Summary :**

It is reported that a worker fell through an opening to his death while engaging in the installation of water pipes on the roof of a temporary metal structure for refuse collection.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

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

- identify and rectify hazardous conditions, including unprotected roof openings and edges;
- ensure that every roof opening is properly fenced or covered, with prominent warning notice displayed to alert workers of the fall hazard;
- provide and maintain suitable guard-rails and toe-boards for unprotected roof edges; and
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access and egress to every place of work on roofs.



5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)

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