



Work Safety Alert Fall with Overturned Metal Falsework

1. **Date of Accident :** October 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A renovation site in Chek Lap Kok
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a worker fell to his death when erecting a metal falsework which suddenly collapsed.

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

Contractors/employers undertaking erection/alteration/dismantling of metal falseworks should ensure that:

- risk assessments are conducted and relevant safe working procedures are formulated;
- every part of the falsework is of sound construction, adequate strength and free from patent defects;
- every part of the falsework is safely secured or supported throughout all stages of erection, alteration or dismantling works;
- suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from the falsework are provided and maintained;
- every worker undertaking the said works is wearing a suitable safety harness with its lanyard attached to an independent and suitable anchorage such as an independent lifeline or a suitable fall arresting system;



- the erection, alteration or dismantling works are only done by trained workmen with adequate experience, and under the immediate supervision of a competent person; and
- the above safety procedures and measures are closely monitored and supervised.

5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes : Safety at Work \(Falsework - Prevention of Collapse\)¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems¹](#)

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