



Work Safety Alert Use of Portable Ladders

1. **Date of Accident :** January 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A car park in Tsuen Wan
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a worker fell a distance of about 2 metres while climbing up a metal stepladder to repair a sewage pipe and subsequently passed away.

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

Contractors/employers undertaking building repair/maintenance works should:

- avoid work at height where possible;
- consider using portable ladders only if other alternatives, such as scaffolding or elevated working platforms, are not reasonably practicable;
- ensure the use of portable ladders is restricted to light-duty work that is performed for short periods of time; and
- provide workers with proper training and instructions on the safe use of portable ladders.

5. **Reference :**

- [Safety at Work – A Guide to Ladders and Elevated Working Platforms](#)¹

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- [Guidance Notes to Renovation Safety](#)¹

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