



Work Safety Alert Air-conditioning Plant Repair Work on the Roof of a Structure

1. Date of Accident: August 2012

2. Place of Accident: A restaurant in Tsuen Wan

3. Summary:

It is reported that an electrician was suspected to have fallen a height of about 3 metres to his death while repairing an air-conditioning plant on the roof of a rear yard structure.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/Employers:

To prevent any person from falling from height, proprietors/employers undertaking work at height on roofs should:

- conduct risk assessments and formulate safe working procedures;
- provide and maintain suitable guard-rails and toe-boards at roof edges; and
- ensure the provision and proper maintenance of suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work on roofs.

5. Reference:

- Five Steps to Risk Assessment¹
- Safe Systems of Work¹

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