



Work Safety Alert Storage, Stacking and Handling of Facades

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

It is reported that a building facade placed on the site suddenly toppled and struck a worker to his death.

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

Contractors/employers undertaking facades storage, stacking and handling work should:

- conduct risk assessments on storage, stacking and handling of facades;
- prepare safe method statements based on the risk assessments;
- ensure facades are stored, stacked or handled on a flat, level and rigid surface;
- ensure facades are stored or stacked in a safe manner, or properly supported to prevent toppling; and
- exercise effective supervision to ensure compliance with the above measures.

5. **Reference :**



- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹

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