



Work Safety Alert Struck by a Chiller Being Transported

1. **Date of Accident :** November 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A hotel/commercial building in Tsuen Wan
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a man was struck and trapped to his death by a chiller being transported down a sloping concrete ramp.

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

Contractors/employers undertaking transportation of heavy plant or equipment should:

- conduct risk assessments with regard to the work environment, the weight of the load being transported and the nature of the route of transportation and formulate appropriate safe working procedures;
- avoid manual handling and use suitable mechanical aids such as cranes or forklift trucks of sufficient capacity;
- ensure that the load is properly secured and stabilized to prevent it from overturning; and
- provide the workers involved with necessary safety information, instruction, training and supervision.

5. **Reference :**



- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on Manual Handling Operations](#)¹

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