



Work Safety Alert **Fall from a Bamboo Scaffold**

- 1. Date of Accident :** March 2015
- 2. Place of Accident :** A building construction site
- 3. Summary :**

A marble laying worker fell about 12 metres to his death from a bamboo scaffold erected between the external walls of two village houses under construction.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

To prevent any person from falling from height, contractors/employers undertaking work-at-height should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working method and procedures;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- provide and ensure the use of safe means of support and/or suitable working platforms for working at height;
- where use of working platforms are impracticable, provide and ensure the use of suitable fall arresting system by workers ;
- exercise strict control with suitable warning notices displayed prominently to prevent unauthorized and improper use of scaffold;



- provide relevant safety information, instruction and training to the workers involved; and
- develop and implement an effective monitoring and supervision system to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)
- [Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems¹](#)

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