



Work Safety Alert

Fall from a Metal I-beam Structure

- 1. Date of Accident :** June 2014
- 2. Place of Accident :** An open yard used for material storage
- 3. Summary :**

A worker fell to his death from a metal I-beam structure while assisting in the lifting operation of a mobile crane.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

To prevent any workers engaged in lifting operations from falling from height, the contractors/employers should:

- conduct task-specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the lifting operation with due regard to the working environment;
- disallow working on unsafe places of work such as metal I-beam structure;
- provide and ensure the use of a suitable working platform for any work to be conducted at height;
- provide the workers with adequate information, training and instruction in respect of the work-at-height safety; and
- implement effective monitoring and supervision to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.



5. Reference :

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms](#)¹

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