



Work Safety Alert

Suspected Electrocution while Conducting Scaffolding Work

- 1. Date of Accident :** September 2014
- 2. Place of Accident :** On a canopy of a residential building
- 3. Summary :**

A worker was suspected to have been electrocuted while conducting scaffolding work on a canopy of a residential building.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

To prevent electrical hazards in undertaking a work activity, contractors/employers should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct job-specific risk assessments to identify electrically hazardous conditions on the site, including defective electrical wirings and installations and formulate appropriate safe working procedures, including a permit-to-work system where necessary;
- rectify the electrically hazardous conditions by rendering dead all live parts of electrical systems that may endanger workers concerned, turning off and locking out the related power supply, and post up appropriate warning notices, signs or tags before starting the work;
- provide suitable personal protective equipment such as insulating gloves and mat to the involved workers;
- provide necessary safety information, instruction and training to the workers; and



- exercise adequate management control and effective supervision to ensure that the safety measures are fully implemented and strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes for The Safe Isolation of Electricity Source at Work](#)¹
- [Basic Electrical Safety Measures in the Workplaces](#)¹
- [《電力工作意外致命個案 \(第二集\)》](#)¹ (Chinese Version Only)

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