



Work Safety Alert **Gashed by Electric Chainsaw**

1. Date of Accident : October 2025

2. Place of Accident : A monastery

3. Summary :

A worker was found dead next to a tomb situated along a path near a monastery. He had been engaged in tree pruning using an electric chainsaw. It is suspected that he sustained a fatal gash to his left calf by the chainsaw.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :

To prevent any workers from being endangered by electric chainsaws during operation, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- inspecting, testing, and properly maintaining the chainsaw in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to ensure its safe working conditions;
- ensuring that chainsaw operators remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings, and exercise extra caution throughout the operation to prevent any kickback incidents;
- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the relevant safe work procedures and safety measures;
- ensuring that chainsaw is only operated by a trained and competent worker;



- providing chainsaw operator with suitable personal protective equipment, including chainsaw trousers, which conforms to relevant international standards and the manufacturer's instructions with due regard to the working conditions; and
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the use of electric chainsaw.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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