



Work Safety Alert **Pressed by Collapsed Brick Wall**

1. **Date of Accident :** November 2025
2. **Place of Accident :** A village house under demolition
3. **Summary :**

While conducting manual clearing work outside the brick perimeter wall of a village house under demolition, the perimeter wall suddenly collapsed and crushed a female worker. She was pronounced dead at the hospital on the same day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors / Employers :

To prevent any workers engaged in demolition work from being struck by any structure or parts thereof during demolition work, contractors / employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- providing substantive support to structures to be demolished as necessary to prevent any part of those structures from accidental detaching, collapsing, toppling or failure;
- ensuring that no workers work, pass or stay underneath or near the structures and any parts thereof being demolished;
- fencing off the area for demolition work as far as reasonably practicable with suitable warning notices displayed and control measures implemented to prevent any unauthorised person entering into the area;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for demolition work, with due regard to the results of risk assessments and the requirements set out in legislation, codes of practice and guidelines to eradicate the



risks to workers;

- ensuring demolition work is carried out by workers with necessary safety information, instruction and training under the immediate supervision of a competent supervisor who should have sufficient technical knowledge and be capable of reading and understanding construction drawings, risk assessment reports and method statements of the work; and
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the demolition work.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)
- [Code of Practice for Demolition of Buildings 2004](#)

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