



Work Safety Alert Pressed by Toppled Gypsum Boards

1. Date of Accident : November 2025

2. Place of Accident : An open-air car park

3. Summary :

While handling a stack of gypsum boards stored vertically in a car park, a male worker was crushed when the boards suddenly toppled onto him. He was rushed to hospital and passed away later on the same day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors / Employers:

To ensure the occupational safety of workers engaged in handling gypsum boards, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that the gypsum boards are stored, stacked or handled on a flat, level and rigid surface;
- appointing a competent supervisor to oversee the handling operation, including ensuring the stability of the boards and the use of suitable mechanical aids, to effectively eliminate or mitigate all risks;
- ensuring that gypsum boards are properly secured and stabilised to prevent them from toppling in the course of work;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for handling of gypsum boards; and
- 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.



5. Reference¹ :

- [A Guide to Part VII of the Occupational Safety and Health Regulation \(Manual Handling Operations\)](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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