



## Work Safety Alert Pressed by Topped Precast Concrete Block

1. **Date of Accident :** April 2026
2. **Place of Accident :** A construction site
3. **Summary :**

While workers were rearranging the temporary supports beneath a precast concrete block with the use of a fork-lift truck, the block suddenly toppled sideways and pressed against a nearby worker. He was rushed to hospital and passed away the same day.

### 4. **Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :**

To ensure the occupational safety of workers engaged in handling and transportation of precast concrete blocks, contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that the precast concrete blocks are stored, stacked or handled on a flat, level and rigid surface;
- ensuring that the precast concrete blocks are properly secured and stabilised to prevent them from toppling in the course of handling and transportation operations;
- appointing a competent supervisor to oversee the handling and transportation operations, with special attention to load stability, suitable temporary supports, and appropriate mechanical aids, etc., to ensure all risks are effectively eliminated or mitigated;
- ensuring that all workers involved in the handling and transportation operations have been properly trained, are capable of using suitable methods for the operations, and stay away from danger zones;



- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the handling and transportation operations; 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. Reference<sup>1</sup> :**

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

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