



Work Safety Alert **Struck by Hard Object Ejecting from Excavator**

- 1. Date of Accident :** December 2025
- 2. Place of Accident :** A construction site
- 3. Summary :**

While waiting for an excavator to pass along a vehicle access road, a rigger was suspected to have been struck on the neck by a small hard object ejected from the crawler track of the moving excavator. He was rushed to hospital and passed away later the same day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :

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

- demarcating and fencing off the operating zones of excavators as far as reasonably practicable with suitable barriers, warning notices displayed and control measures adopted to prevent any unauthorised entry into the fenced off area;
- providing and maintaining safe walkways away from moving excavators, and demarcating designated walkways for workers with suitable barriers and signage;
- inspecting and properly maintaining excavators in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to ensure their safe working conditions;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the use of excavators; 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 :

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

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