



Work Safety Alert **Struck by Metal Cover inside Lift Shaft**

1. **Date of Accident :** May 2026
2. **Place of Accident :** A residential building
3. **Summary :**

While conducting lift modernisation work inside a lift shaft, a lift maintenance worker was struck on the head by a metal cover that fell from the lift machine room of a residential building. He was certified dead at the scene.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers:

To prevent any workers from being struck by falling objects while engaged in lift modernisation work inside lift shafts, contractors and employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that the lift work is well-planned and coordinated to avoid incompatible activities being conducted at the same time;
- safeguarding all unprotected floor openings by suitable coverings;
- ensuring that the lift work is conducted safely under the immediate supervision of a qualified person who is competent by virtue of his substantial training and practical experience related to the relevant work;
- ensuring that only competent lift workers possessing adequate knowledge, skills and experience are engaged in the lift work;
- ensuring that adequate and appropriate communication means and equipment, such as mobile phones or walkie-talkies, are provided and properly maintained for all parties involved in the lift work to facilitate effective coordination and communication throughout the work process;



- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for lift modernisation work; and
- providing all workers involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and the relevant safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Code of Practice for Safety at Work \(Lift and Escalator\)](#)
- [Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works](#)
- [Guidebook for Responsible Persons for Lifts](#)
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents in Lift Installation, Maintenance and Repairing Work](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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