



## Work Safety Alert

### Struck by Wire Rope Clamp inside Lift Shaft

**1. Date of Accident :** December 2025

**2. Place of Accident :** A lift shaft of a commercial building

**3. Summary :**

While working on a metal scaffold at the 1/F level inside a lift shaft during wire rope replacement work, a lift worker's head was struck by a falling metal wire rope clamp that had detached from a lifting chain block in the 32/F machine room. He sustained serious head injuries and passed away the following day.

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

To prevent any workers from being struck by falling objects while engaged in wire rope replacement work inside lift shafts, contractors/ 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;
- 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 in relation to the relevant work;
- safeguarding all unprotected floor openings by suitable coverings;
- ensuring that only competent lift workers possessing adequate knowledge, skills and experience are employed to carry out the lift work;



- ensuring that the wire rope and all associated components are securely installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- ensuring the proper use of suitable working platforms for the wire rope replacement work;
- ensuring that every working platform is inspected and certified safe by a competent person before being put to first use and at regular intervals not exceeding 14 days;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for wire rope replacement 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. Reference<sup>1</sup> :

- [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](#)
- [Overview of Work-at-Height Safety](#)
- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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