



Work Safety Alert **Struck by a Falling Hoisting Block**

- 1. Date of Accident :** May 2026
- 2. Place of Accident :** A sewerage improvement work site
- 3. Summary :**

While working on the ground level near a monorail hoist, a worker was struck by the hoisting block after it fell from the front end of its monorail beam. He sustained a serious head injury and was certified dead at hospital later that day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :

To prevent any workers from being struck by any falling object during the operation of a monorail hoist, owner/ contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that suitable and effective end stoppers are correctly installed and properly maintained at both ends of the monorail beam, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to prevent the hoisting block from travelling beyond its designed limits;
- ensuring that the monorail hoist and the associated fixtures are of good construction, made of strong and sound materials and correctly installed according to the manufacturer's instructions;
- ensuring that the monorail hoist has been certified in safe working order through tests and thorough examinations by a competent examiner before use;
- ensuring that the monorail hoist is properly maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions by persons who are suitably trained



and competent for such work;

- appointing a competent supervisor to oversee lifting operations to ensure all risks are effectively eliminated or mitigated;
- fencing off all lifting zones properly with suitable warning notices displayed as far as reasonably practicable;
- where it is not reasonably practicable to fence off the lifting zones, taking effective measures, such as appointing sufficient watch-out personnel, to ensure that no unauthorised entry into the zones;
- ensuring that everyone should stand clear and should never work or station themselves underneath a hoisting block while any load is being raising, lowering or suspended;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the lifting operation; 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 the Factories and Industrial Undertakings \(Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear\)\) Regulation](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Inspection, Thorough Examination and Testing of Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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