



Work Safety Alert

Trapped between Water Tank and Bored Pile Casing

1. Date of Accident : January 2026

2. Place of Accident : A foundation site

3. Summary :

While assisting with a lifting operation to unload a water tank onto the ground, a rigger became trapped between the water tank and an adjacent bored pile casing. 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 loading/unloading operations, contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that the loads are stored or handled on a flat, level and rigid surface;
- stabilising and handling the loads properly to prevent them from movement in the course of rigging/ unrigging operations;
- appointing a competent supervisor to oversee the loading/ unloading operations including load stability, rigging/ unrigging of the loads, etc. to ensure that all risks are effectively eliminated or mitigated;
- ensuring that all workers involved in rigging/ unrigging operation have been properly trained in rigging, are capable of using rigging methods suitable for the loads, and stay away from danger zones;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for loading/ unloading 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. Reference¹ :

- [Code of Practice for Safe Use of Mobile Cranes](#)
- [A Guide to the Factories and Industrial Undertakings \(Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear\) Regulation](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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