



Work Safety Alert Tripped Over and Slammed into a Wall

1. **Date of Accident :** November 2023
2. **Place of Accident :** A renovation site
3. **Summary :**

It was suspected that a worker tripped over some loose cables on the floor and his head slammed into a wall. He sustained head injury and was certified dead two days later.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees on a renovation site from tripping hazard, contractors/ employers should:

- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensure good housekeeping and keep the work area clean and tidy to prevent workers/ employees from tripping or slipping.
- remove any objects that may create tripping hazard from the work area or otherwise have them properly placed, and maintain the floors in a non-slippery condition before allowing workers/ employees to carry out the renovation work;
- provide facilities for renovation wastes and other refuse collection and ensure the proper use of such facilities;
- provide each worker/ employee involved in the work with a suitable safety helmet equipped with chin strap and ensure the proper wearing of the same by the worker/ employee on construction sites;



- provide all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensure they are familiar with the safety measures; and
- establish and implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Safety Hints on Renovation Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on the Selection, Use and Maintenance of Safety Helmets](#)¹

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