



Work Safety Alert **Fall from Height from Flat Roof**

- 1. Date of Accident :** October 2022
- 2. Place of Accident :** A residential estate
- 3. Summary :**

A security guard while conducting security patrol plunged to death from the flat roof on 5/F of a residential building onto the ground floor.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :

To prevent workers/ employees from falling from height at work, the proprietors/ employers should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the nature of work, environment, workplace features and layout, particularly those dangerous places where workers/ employees will work and are liable to fall from height such as flat roofs;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of risk assessments, and follow the requirements of safety legislation;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work, and ensure their proper use by the workers/ employees;
- provide all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe work environment and safety measures; and



- establish and implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)¹

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