



## **Work Safety Alert** **Run Over to Death by Aircraft**

1. **Date of Accident :** February 2024
2. **Place of Accident :** An airport apron
3. **Summary :**

A worker sitting on the rear cab of a tractor fell on a taxiway of the airport apron and was run over to death by an aircraft being towed by the tractor.

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

To ensure the safe operation of aircraft towing work, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain safe plant and a safe system of work which may include, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the aircraft towing work, taking into account the workplace environment, towing routes, workplace layout and movements of plant/ vehicles;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of the risk assessment and relevant safety guidelines;
- establishing an effective communication system among the workers/ employees of the aircraft towing team to ensure that the tow tractor is not in motion unless relevant team members are on board the tractor;
- ensuring every worker/ employee on the tow tractor has properly buckled up the provided seat belt before and while the tractor is in motion;
- ensuring that no tow tractor is in motion unless the towing route is cleared of workers/ employees;



- providing all workers/ employees concerned with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and relevant safety measures; and
- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

## 5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training<sup>1</sup>](#)

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