



**Work Safety Alert**  
**Workers Injured in an Underground Sewage Facility**

1. **Date of Accident :** November 2021
2. **Place of Accident :** An underground sewage facility
3. **Summary :**

Four workers conducting drainage pipe maintenance were collapsed, resulting in one death and three injured.

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

Workers working inside an underground sewage facility may be exposed to various risks relating to confined space work. Contractors/proprietors/employers undertaking drainage work at underground sewage facility should follow the [Factories and Industrial Undertakings \(Confined Spaces\) Regulation<sup>1</sup>](#), [Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces<sup>1</sup>](#), and relevant safety and health guidelines, to ensure the safety and health of workers while working inside the confined space.

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