



Work Safety Alert Fall from Height while Dismantling an Amusement Ride

1. **Date of Accident :** February 2017
2. **Place of Accident :** An outdoor amusement fair ground
3. **Summary :**

While a worker was dismantling a platform of an amusement ride, the platform suddenly collapsed. The worker fell together with the platform onto the ground for about 5 metres and sustained fatal injury.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers :

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height while engaged in erection/ dismantling of structures such as amusement rides, the contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which should 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 work, particularly those involving work-above-ground, taking into account the nature of work and the work environment;
- formulating safe methods and procedures detailing the proper sequences of work for erection/ dismantling of the structure with due regard to the results of risk assessments, and in line with relevant codes of practice and guidelines;
- appointing a competent supervisor to oversee and control the work to ensure that the structure is erected/ dismantled strictly following the safe work methods, procedures and safety measures;



- providing suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensuring the parts of the structure being dismantled are adequately supported beforehand;
- providing and ensuring the proper use of suitable working platforms or elevating work platforms, where appropriate, for any work required to be carried out above ground;
- where the provision of working platform is not reasonably practicable, setting up a fall arresting system by providing every worker/ employee with a suitable safety harness which should be continuously attached to a suitable and secure anchorage system throughout the work;
- providing each worker/ employee employed at the workplace with a suitable safety helmet with a chin strap and taking all reasonable steps to ensure the proper wearing of the same by the worker/ employee;
- ensuring that only competent workers possessing adequate knowledge, skills and experience are employed for the work;
- providing all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and 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](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹

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- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems](#)¹
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)¹
- [Code of Practice for Amusement Rides by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department](#)¹

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