



## **Work Safety Alert** **Fall from Height while Installing Metal Claddings on Roof**

1. **Date of Accident :** April 2018
2. **Place of Accident :** A vehicle repairing workshop undergoing refurbishment
3. **Summary :**

While a worker was installing metal claddings to the roof of a metal structure at a vehicle repairing workshop under refurbishment, he fell about 7 metres to the ground through an opening of the roof. He sustained serious head injury and passed away on the following day.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height, contractors/ employers engaged in any work at dangerous places such as roofs of structures 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 and the work environment, particularly those related to any dangerous places from which workers are liable to fall;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work according to the results of risk assessments, which should comply with the requirements of safety legislation and relevant guidelines;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- safeguard all unprotected dangerous edges or openings by suitable guard-rails or coverings so as to prevent any person from falling through;



- where the provision of guard-rails or coverings to prevent fall from dangerous places is impracticable and working at such places cannot be avoided, set up an effective fall arresting system by providing every worker/ employee concerned with, and ensure the worker's/ employee's proper use of, a suitable safety harness with the lanyard continuously attached to a suitable anchorage throughout the work;
- provide each worker/ employee involved in the work with a suitable safety helmet equipped with a chin strap and ensure the proper wearing of the same by the worker/ employee throughout the work;
- provide all workers/ employees involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and the necessary measures; and
- establish and implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure that all safety measures are strictly followed.

## 5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage System](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)<sup>1</sup>

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