



Work Safety Alert

Fall from Height while Installing Glass Panel at Skylight

1. **Date of Accident :** January 2018
2. **Place of Accident :** A hospital undergoing alteration works
3. **Summary :**

A worker fell about 6 metres to the floor at the podium level of a hospital through an opening of a skylight under construction when he was installing glass panel. He sustained serious head injury and passed away on the next day.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height, the proprietors/ employers engaged in any work at dangerous places such as skylights of buildings should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, particularly those related to any dangerous places from which workers are liable to fall from height;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of the risk assessments, that should conform to the requirements of safety legislation and relevant guidelines;
- provide and 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;
- if 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 ensuring 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/ employer 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 concerned 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 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
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage System](#)¹
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)¹

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