



Work Safety Alert

Fall from Lorry

- 1. Date of Accident :** August 2018
- 2. Place of Accident :** A building site
- 3. Summary :**

A worker while engaging in loading of dismantled parts of a tower crane onto the deck of a lorry with the use of truck-mounted crane was suspected to have fallen from the lorry onto the ground. He sustained head injury and passed away a few weeks later.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers:

To prevent any workers/ employees engaged in loading/ unloading of materials onto/ from a lorry from falling from height during lifting operations, the contractor/ employer concerned 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 process of loading/ unloading of materials, taking into account the nature of work and the working environment, particularly those places where the workers/ employees may work or stay and from which they are liable to fall from height;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for the work with due consideration to the results of the risk assessments, the size and shape of the materials and the working environment on the deck of the lorry;



- appointing a competent lifting supervisor for overall control of the lifting operations, with particular attention paid to the loading/ unloading work on lorry;
- providing suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from any place of work on the lorry and ensuring the proper use of the access and egress by workers/ employees;
- ensuring that no workers/ employees work or stay on the deck of the lorry or on top of the materials stacked thereon and taking adequate safety precautions such as providing a suitable working platform or step platform for work-above-ground;
- if working on the deck of the lorry is unavoidable, ensuring that adequate safety precautions have been taken to prevent workers/ employees from falling from height, such as providing each worker/ employee with and ensuring the use of an effective fall arresting system;
- providing 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;
- 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 Information, Instruction and Training](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations](#)¹

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