



Work Safety Alert

Fall from Roof

- 1. Date of Accident :** September 2017
- 2. Place of Accident :** The roof of a residential building
- 3. Summary :**

A worker while carrying out pest control work on the roof of a residential building fell to death from the unprotected roof edge to the podium floor.

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 roofs of buildings should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, particularly those dangerous places where workers will work and are liable to fall from height;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures with due regard to the results of the risk assessments, which should comply with the requirements of safety legislation and relevant codes of practice;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from the dangerous places;
- erect suitable guard-rails along the edges of the dangerous places from which workers/ employees are liable to fall from height;



- if erection of guard-rails at the edges of the dangerous places is impracticable and working at such dangerous places cannot be avoided, set up a personal fall arresting system by providing every worker/employee concerned with a suitable safety harness with its lanyard continuously attached to a suitable and secure anchorage throughout the work and take all reasonable steps to ensure the proper use of the personal fall arresting system by the worker/ employee;
- provide all workers/ employees involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety 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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