



Work Safety Alert

Fall from Roof

- 1. Date of Accident :** November 2018
- 2. Place of Accident :** Roof of a hotel
- 3. Summary :**

A worker who was involved in the maintenance of the monorail system of a permanent suspended working platform erected on the roof of a hotel was suspected to have fallen from a metal platform underneath the monorail system and plunged to his death onto a landscape garden below for a distance of about 40 metres.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height, the proprietor/ contractors/ employers engaged in any work at or near dangerous places such as raised platforms or roof edges of buildings 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 working environment, particularly those dangerous places from which workers/ employees are liable to fall;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of risk assessments, which should comply with the requirements of safety legislation, relevant codes of practice and guidelines;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;



- erect suitable guard-rails along all the unfenced edges of dangerous places;
- where the guard-rails so erected are fitted with gates for access and egress, movement of materials or any other purposes, ensure that the gates are always kept closed and securely locked to prevent unauthorised opening;
- if working at or near any exposed edges of dangerous places is unavoidable, 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 its lanyard continuously attached to a suitable anchorage 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 relevant 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
- [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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