



Work Safety Alert

Worker Trapped between Two Dollies

1. **Date of Accident :** February 2017
2. **Place of Accident :** Apron area of the airport
3. **Summary :**

While a worker was working between two cargo dollies in a chain parked on an apron area of the airport, a tractor towing another chain of dollies moved by. A dolly being towed accidentally bumped against one of the two dollies and pushed it forward. As a result, the worker was trapped between the two dollies, sustained serious injury and passed away on the same day.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees working on the apron of the airport from being endangered by mobile plant, the proprietors/ employers and relevant parties 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 work, taking into account the work environment, particularly the movement of mobile plant nearby;
- formulating safe work methods and safe work procedures with due regard to the results of risk assessments and relevant operation handbook/ guidelines, if applicable;



- where practicable, ensuring that all work to be performed on the apron is only carried out when there is no mobile plant in the immediate vicinity;
- providing all workers/ employees involved with high visibility or reflective vest and ensuring proper use of them;
- ensuring that all mobile plant is operated by a person who is trained and competent in operating the plant;
- reminding all operators of mobile plant not to drive the plant too close to any persons or objects to avoid accidental collision;
- providing the operators and workers/ employees involved 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 the above 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

¹ Click to view document



職業安全及健康部
Occupational Safety and Health Branch
勞工處
Labour Department



DISCLAIMER

This Work Safety Alert (“the Alert”) is issued at the earliest possible opportunity after a serious accident with a view to drawing the attention of interested parties to the general safety precautionary measures necessary to protect people engaging in similar work activities. The material contained in the Alert constitutes general guidance only. It does not reduce, limit, or replace, any legal obligations upon any person to comply with any statutory duties under relevant legislation. Users such as Managers and Supervisors should make their own evaluation of the information contained in the Alert to determine if it can be applied to their own situations and practices. The Labour Department does NOT accept any responsibilities for any loss or damage resulting from the use of or failure to use of the information on the Alert.

Note: The material contained in the Alert is not exhaustive, and will be supplemented/adjusted where necessary if more relevant information comes to light.