



Work Safety Alert Fall from Height while Lifting Metal Sheet Rolls

1. **Date of Accident :** December 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A metal cutting workshop in Fanling
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a worker fell off the top of a stack of metal sheet rolls to his death while he was handling a load of metal sheet rolls being lifted by a crane.

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

Proprietors/employers undertaking lifting operations in a workshop should:

- conduct risk assessments and formulate safe working procedures for the lifting operation;
- as far as practicable avoid staging any person on top of the stack of the goods;
- where access to the stacked-up goods is necessary, use suitable safe means of support as well as safe means of access and egress for the work;
- take adequate steps to avoid any persons from being endangered by any parts of the crane or the load in the course of the lifting operation; and
- exercise adequate monitoring and supervision to ensure that the above safety precautionary measures are strictly followed.



5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹

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