



## Work Safety Alert Fall from a Horizontal I-beam

1. **Date of Accident :** December 2012
2. **Place of Accident :** A renovation site in Causeway Bay
3. **Summary :**

It is reported that a worker plunged about 6 metres to his death while working on a I-beam to carry out inspection work.

### 4. **Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :**

Contractors/employers undertaking work-at-height should conduct risk assessments and formulate safe working procedures, including-

- working at height on an I-beam should be avoided as far as practicable and the use of suitable working platforms is preferred;
- where the use of working platforms is impracticable, a safe system of work to ensure workers to use suitable fall protection devices should be implemented;
- suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work should be provided and properly maintained;
- prominent warning notices to alert workers of the falling hazard should be displayed; and
- effective monitoring and supervision are implemented to ensure strict compliance with the above safety measures.



## 5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work<sup>1</sup>](#)

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