



## **Work Safety Alert** **Fall from Height while Dismantling a Mobile Tubular scaffold**

1. **Date of Accident :** June 2020
2. **Place of Accident :** A rear lane of a commercial building
3. **Summary :**

While a team of workers was dismantling a mobile tubular scaffold at a rear lane of a commercial building, one of the workers plunged to his death from the partially dismantled scaffold onto the ground.

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

To prevent any person from falling from height, contractors/ employers engaged in scaffold erection/ dismantling/ alteration 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 work environment;
- 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;
- ensure that scaffolds are erected/ dismantled/ altered by trained workmen with adequate experience under the immediate supervision of a competent person who shall not actively engaged in those work;



- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- provide every worker/ employee engaged in erection/ dismantling/ alteration of scaffolds with a suitable safety harness that is attached continuously to a suitable and secure anchor point, an independent lifeline or a fall arresting system, and ensure the proper use of them by the workers/ employees concerned;
- provide each worker/ employee involved in the work with a suitable safety helmet equipped with a chin strap and ensure the proper wearing of the same by the worker/ employee 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 :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Code of Practice for Metal Scaffolding Safety](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage System](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)<sup>1</sup>

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