



**Work Safety Alert**  
**Fallen from Height while Engaging in the Bamboo Scaffold**  
**Erection Work**

1. **Date of Accident :** June 2021
2. **Place of Accident :** An industrial building
3. **Summary :**

A scaffolder while preparing for truss-out bamboo scaffold erection work at the external wall of an unit on 10/F of an industrial building, plunged to his death onto the car park on 2/F of the building.

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

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height, the contractors/ employers engaged in erection/ dismantling/ alteration of truss-out bamboo scaffolds 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 code of practice and guidelines;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensure that scaffolds are erected/ dismantled/ altered by trained workmen with adequate experience under the immediate supervision of a competent person;



- 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 throughout the work;
- 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 Bamboo Scaffolding Safety](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage System](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Casebook of Occupational Fatalities related to Truss-out Bamboo Scaffolding Works](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)<sup>1</sup>

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