

**The Labour Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Council jointly launched the “Safety Helmets with Y-type Chin Straps Sponsorship Scheme for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises of Construction Industry”**

Safety helmet is personal protective equipment that must be worn by construction workers while at work. Safety helmet must be worn properly in order to achieve the best head protection. Many industrial fatalities in the construction industry involved workers falling from height. Although the implementation of safe work methods and safe work procedures are effective in ensuring the safety of workers working at height or above ground, the wearing of safety helmets with the chin strap properly buckled up can also help reducing the degree of head injury in case of fall. In addition, the buckling up of the chin strap of a safety helmet can prevent the helmet from loosening when a worker bends down or looks up.

The Labour Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Council jointly held a Work-at-height Safety Seminar on 25 April to share with the construction industry the risks of working-at-height and the effective preventive measures. In order to encourage the use of helmets with chin-straps, a new Sponsorship Scheme to subsidise eligible small and medium-sized enterprises to procure safety helmets with Y-type chin straps that conform to safety standards was also launched at the event. Please click the following link to download the application form (Chinese version only):

[http://www.oshc.org.hk/oshc\\_data/files/ProfessionalServices/SMESponsorshipSchemes/SME-helmet-chinstrap.pdf](http://www.oshc.org.hk/oshc_data/files/ProfessionalServices/SMESponsorshipSchemes/SME-helmet-chinstrap.pdf)

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