



Work Safety Alert Fall from a Metal Tubular Scaffold

1. **Date of Accident :** July 2013
2. **Place of Accident :** A construction site in Tsuen Wan
3. **Summary :**

A formwork worker fell about 2 metres to his death from a metal tubular scaffold to the ground while dismantling a wooden formwork on a newly-constructed concrete wall of a building.

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

To prevent any person from falling from height, contractors/employers undertaking erection/dismantling of wooden formwork at height should:

- conduct risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensure the use of the suitable scaffolds for the work as far as practicable;
- ensure that the scaffolds are provided with suitable guard-rails and toe-boards;
- ensure that the scaffolds are inspected and certified safe by a competent person; and
- implement effective monitoring and supervision to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.



5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)
- [地盤意外個案簡析系列 — 模板工作¹](#) (Chinese version only)

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