



Work Safety Alert Fall from an Elevated Metal Pallet

1. **Date of Accident :** April 2013
2. **Place of Accident :** A warehouse in Yuen Long
3. **Summary :**

A worker, while standing on a metal pallet raised by a forklift truck to replace the rain water drainage at the ceiling of a warehouse, fell 4 meters to his death.

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

To prevent any person from falling from height, contractors/employers undertaking work at height at ceilings should:

- conduct risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
- use suitable working platforms as safe means of access and support for the work and prohibit the use of forklift trucks for the purposes;
- display prominent warning notices to alert workers of the falling hazard; and
- implement effective monitoring system to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.

5. **Reference :**

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹



- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms](#)¹

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