



Work Safety Alert Fall from a Bamboo Scaffold

1. **Date of Accident :** October 2013
2. **Place of Accident :** A building construction site in Tseung Kwan O
3. **Summary :**

A worker fell to his death from 35/F level down to 23/F while he was engaged in removing concrete debris on a platform of the scaffold at the external wall.

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

Where construction work activities may give rise to debris or waste materials, contractors/employers should:

- avoid accumulation of debris or waste materials on scaffolds;
- avoid work-at-height at the external wall to remove the debris or waste materials on scaffolds;
- where work-at-height to remove the debris or waste materials on scaffolds is required:
 - conduct risk assessments, with due consideration of the loading capacity of the scaffolds in particular, and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
 - ensure that the scaffolds are securely supported and properly maintained;
 - ensure that the scaffolds are inspected and certified safe by a



competent person;

- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensure the use of suitable working platforms for the work where practicable;
- ensure that the working platforms are not overloaded and that no shock loading on the working platforms is allowed;
- where use of the working platforms is impracticable, ensure that suitable and sufficient fall protection devices connected with proper anchorages are provided and maintained and ensure the use of the fall protection devices by workers;
- 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](#)
- [Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems¹](#)

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