



Work Safety Alert **Struck by a lorry**

- 1. Date of Accident :** July 2013
- 2. Place of Accident :** A metal waste recycling depot in Kowloon City
- 3. Summary :**

A technician was struck and rolled over by a 10-ton lorry to his death at a metal waste recycling depot while he was fixing a vehicle weighing scale in a squat position.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

To prevent workers engaging in work near traffic from being struck by vehicles, contractors/employers should:

- conduct traffic risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
- as far as practicable, work in or near traffic should be avoided, such as by relocating traffic movement or scheduling the work for time when there is no traffic;
- if the above is not practicable, plan and fully execute proper traffic management to prevent the persons engaged in the work from being endangered by the traffic;
- ensure that the working area is clearly demarcated and properly fenced off so as to prohibit any vehicle from entering the area;
- display prominent warning signs and light signals to alert drivers that repairing work is in progress in the area;



- station a signaller to give effective signals to the drivers who do not have a clear and unrestricted view of its vicinity;
- ensure that every worker in the area is wearing a high visibility or reflective vest so that other persons especially the drivers of vehicles could easily recognize them.; and
- implement effective monitoring and supervision to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

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

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