



Work Safety Alert Fall from a Portable Ladder

1. **Date of Accident :** November 2013
2. **Place of Accident :** A commercial unit under renovation in Kwun Tong
3. **Summary :**

A worker fell to his death from a wooden folding ladder while installing plastic conduits at the ceiling.

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

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

- conduct task specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
- use suitable working platforms as a means of support for the work and avoid using portable ladders for the purpose;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from every place of work;
- provide workers with proper training and instruction on safe use of working platforms; 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](#)
- [Safety at Work – A Guide to Ladders and Elevated Working Platforms¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms¹](#)

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