



WORK SAFETY ON BAMBOO SCAFFOLDS AT TAI KOK TSUI

A circulating video depicting maintenance work at an industrial building in Tai Kok Tsui on 2 May 2023 has come to the attention of the Construction Industry Council. In light of this, the CIC would like to remind all teams performing work at heights on bamboo scaffolds to establish appropriate safety work systems, provide safe and adequate work platforms, and install and properly utilise fall prevention systems correctly in order to prevent the risk of injuries to workers and nearby members of the public.

Common Accidents

1. Fall from height due to improper use of safety harness and equipment.
2. Fall from height due to not working on scaffolds with suitable barriers.
3. Fall from height due to improper use of access and egress to the scaffolds.
4. Fall from height endangers the general public in the vicinity.



Video Link

Critical Control Measures

1. Ensure proper use of fall arresting system during erection of scaffolds and connect safety harness to independent lifeline or relevant anchorage point;
2. Provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
3. Appoint a competent person to conduct risk assessments to identify all potential hazards that are associated with the works and formulate safe work methods and procedures with relevant safety measures including erection and dismantling of scaffolds to prevent fall of people or objects;
4. Ensure qualified workers are employed and provide them with adequate information, instructions and training to ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures;
5. Develop and implement an effective, proactive inspection programme to ensure that safety measures are strictly followed, and to report any non-compliances;



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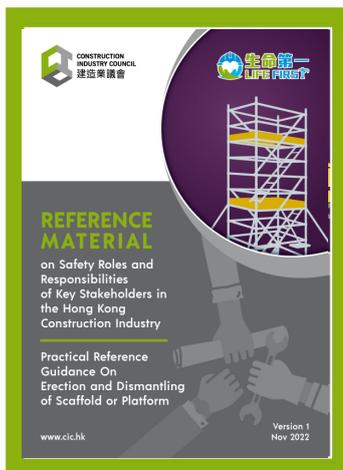


SAFETY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE HONG KONG CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

If all stakeholders act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities in safety, can accident be avoided?

- In the design stage, the designer and engineer should consider the future maintenance works and prepare a design to lower the risk of future maintenance.
- During the construction stage, the construction team shall conduct the risk assessment and develop safe working procedures.
- The construction team could provide sufficient supervision and identify the changes in the process or the environment through dynamic risk assessment and apply control measures to eliminate the hazard.
- Workers can identify any changes in the construction process and report it to their supervisors and take action against it immediately.

Reference information for sharing



Reference Material on Safety Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders in the Hong Kong Construction Industry - Practical Reference Guidance On Erection and Dismantling of Scaffold or Platform



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