

CIC Safety Message No. 12/23

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A WORKER FELL FROM 6 METRES HEIGHT AT TSING YI SHIPYARD AND CERTIFIED DEATH

An accident happened on 17 May 2023 in which a worker was suspected to fall from height from a metal access tower at Tsing Yi shipyard. He was certified death after sending to hospital. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) would like to deliver this safety message for your attention. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute the message below to your fellow members, relevant personnel or other industry stakeholders where appropriate. Thank you very much.

Common Accidents

- 1. Fall from unprotected edge.
- 2. PPE not properly used and safety harness not connected to anchor point when needed.
- 3. Working platform which complied with relevant safety standards not properly used and maintained regularly.

生命第一 對危險說不 从有責 各司其職 Life First - Walk the Talk - Safety of Working at Height was held on 14 July 2022. Please watch replay of the Webinar at CIC website.

Critical Control Measures

- 1. Identify falling risks, establish system of work and ensure measures are implemented.
- 2. Ensure risks and hazards induced by the changes in the process or working environment are identified and managed before the commencement of work.
- 3. Adopt safety technologies to enhance safety management and reduce risks with respect to the working environment.
- 4. Provide workers with all necessary safety information, instructions and training, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe working procedures, safety measures and the proper use of working platform.
- 5. Ensure the working platform is complied with relevant safety standards, and with proper usage and regular maintenance.









What if all stakeholders can act together and take one step further to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, can similar accident be avoided?

- In the design stage, the designer should consider the operations and establish the proper method and relevant safety measures.
- During the construction stage, the work team must ensure it was supervised by designated persons before the operations.
- The work team could constantly 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, 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 Work-

