



Work Safety Alert

Fall from Metal Canopy

1. **Date of Accident :** May 2025
2. **Place of Accident :** A residential house
3. **Summary :**

A worker fell about 2.8m while working on the top of a metal canopy being installed at a residential house. He was certified dead in hospital later on the same day.

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

To prevent any workers from falling from height while at work, contractors/ employers should provide and maintain the following precautionary measures:

- providing and ensuring the proper use of suitable working platforms for work that cannot be safely done on or from the ground or from part of a permanent structure;
- ensuring that every working platform is protected with (i) suitable guard-rails, with the height of intermediate guard-rail between 450mm to 600mm, and the height of the top guard-rail between 900mm to 1150mm; and (ii) suitable toe-boards or other similar barriers with a height of not less than 200mm;
- ensuring that every working platform is closely boarded or planked; and every board or plank rests securely and evenly on its supports;
- ensuring that all nearby dangerous edges are properly fenced off;
- where the provision of suitable working platforms or protection of



dangerous edges is not reasonably practicable, setting up a fall arresting system (or an alike system) by providing every worker concerned with a suitable safety harness and ensuring the continuous plus proper attachment of the harness to a suitable anchorage system while at work;

- providing and maintaining suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- providing workers involved with a suitable safety helmet equipped with a chin strap and ensuring that they properly wear it on construction sites;
- setting up and implementing a safe system of work with an effective monitoring and control system for the canopy installation work with due regard to work at height safety; and
- providing all workers involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and relevant safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Overview of Work-at-Height Safety](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height](#)

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