



Work Safety Alert **Struck by falling gas cylinders**

1. Date of Accident : January 2026

2. Place of Accident : A foundation site

3. Summary :

Three bar-fixers were struck by several gas cylinders that fell from a metal cage being lifted by a tower crane, resulting in one death and injuries to two others.

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

To prevent any workers from being struck by any falling object during a lifting operation, owners/ contractors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- where a receptacle is used for raising or lowering of objects, ensuring that it is properly designed, constructed and enclosed so as to prevent the accidental fall of any objects;
- appointing a competent and experienced lifting supervisor to oversee the raising or lowering operations to ensure that all risks are effectively eliminated or mitigated;
- ensuring that the load is properly secured to prevent unintended movement/ displacement in the course of raising or lowering operations;
- fencing off of all lifting zones properly with suitable warning notices displayed as far as reasonably practicable;
- where it is not reasonably practicable to fence off the lifting zones,



taking effective measures, such as appointment of sufficient watch-out personnel, to ensure that no unauthorised entry into the zones;

- ensuing that everyone stands clear and never works under a raising, lowering or suspended load;
- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the lifting operation; and
- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the relevant safe work procedures and safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Code of Practice for Safe Use of Tower Cranes](#)
- [A Guide to the Factories and Industrial Undertakings \(Lifting Appliances and Lifting Gear\) Regulations](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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