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Work Safety Alert
Fall from a Maintenance Platform

1. Date of Accident : June 2026

2. Place of Accident : A building site

3. Summary :

While conducting sealant application work on the external wall of a building under construction, a worker fell from a maintenance platform at a height of 30m to the ground. He was rushed to hospital in an unconscious state and passed away later that day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/ Employers:

To prevent any workers from falling from height while engaging in sealant application work, contractors and employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring the proper use of suitable working platforms for the sealant application work that cannot be safely done on or from the ground or from a permanent structure with suitable fall protection;

- ensuring that every working platform or place of work is protected with (i) suitable guard-rails, including intermediate guard-rails between 450mm to 600mm in height, and top guard-rails between 900mm to 1150mm in height; and (ii) suitable toe-boards or other similar barriers with a height of not less than 200mm;

- where the provision of suitable working platforms is not reasonably practicable, setting up a fall arresting system (or an alike system) by providing every worker concerned with a suitable full-body 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;

- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the sealant application work with due regard to work at height safety and;

- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and the relevant safety measures.

5. Reference[1] :

- A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations
- Overview of Work-at-Height Safety
- A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height
- Safe Systems of Work
- Five Steps to Risk Assessment
- Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training

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