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Work Safety Alert
Crushed by Minibus during Inspection

1. Date of Accident : July 2026

2. Place of Accident : A vehicle repair workshop

3. Summary :

While inspecting a minibus from underneath, a mechanic was crushed after the rear air bellow in a suspension system suddenly ruptured, causing the chassis to fall onto him. He was rushed to hospital and passed away the following day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors / Employers :

To prevent any workers from being endangered during the inspection, maintenance or repair of vehicles, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring that vehicles are suitably and sufficiently supported before any person works underneath them;
- using suitable lifting equipment of sufficient capacity, such as a post lift, a hydraulic jack and axle stands, to lift and independently support the vehicle prior to any work underneath;
- ensuring that all lifting and supporting equipment is properly positioned and maintained in a safe working condition;
- ensuring that inspection of air bellows and related suspension components is conducted from a safe position;

- ensuring that no person enters or remains within danger zones susceptible to vehicle collapse or sudden air depressurisation;

- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for the inspection, maintenance or repair of vehicles; 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. Reference[1] :

- Five Steps to Risk Assessment
- Safe Systems of Work
- Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training

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