Latest Occupational Safety and Health ("OSH") Information (September 2026)

1) Comprehensive Smoking Ban on Construction Sites

- Legislation on comprehensive smoking ban on construction sites took effect on 17 July 2026. Legislative details and safety hints can be found via the following links:

  Legislative details: https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/smoking_ban.htm

  Safety hints: https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/od/safety_hints_smoking_ban.htm

- A new TV announcement and radio announcement in relation to comprehensive smoking ban on construction sites, titled "Start It Right, Zero-Smokey On Site, Smoke-Free Culture, All Unite!" can be viewed and listened to via the following links:

  TV announcement: https://www.isd.gov.hk/eng/tvapi/26_ld235.html

  Radio announcement:

  https://www.labour.gov.hk/common/public/spd_os/LD_4_2026_eng.mp3

2) Revised "Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms"

- The Labour Department (LD) has launched the revised "Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms" (GNs) on 4 February 2026. In response to accidents involving mobile elevating work platforms at various workplaces in recent years, the LD has revised and renamed the original "Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms", incorporating common causes of the accidents and preventative measures. Major revisions include further specifying training requirements for operators, adding new operational requirements such as installation of effective secondary guarding devices, conducting regular non-destructive

tests on critical load-bearing components, as well as formulating emergency rescue plans. A grace period is provided for the new requirements of operator training and installation of secondary guarding devices until 31 December 2026 (i.e. taking effect on 1 January 2027). The industry must seize the time to make sufficient preparation before the grace period expires. The revised GNs and a new episode of Work Safety Alert (animation), titled "Trapped between a Mobile Elevating Work Platform and a Sprinkler Pipe" can be downloaded and viewed via the following links:

GNs: https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/os/C/EWP.pdf

WSA (animation): https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/LD_Story30_Eng.mp4

3) Work Safety Alerts (Text Version)

- LD is highly concerned about fatal and serious work accidents involving high-risk processes. LD issues Work Safety Alerts ("WSAs") as soon as possible after each case to alert employers, contractors and employees, and remind them of the relevant OSH measures needed to be taken to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. Please download the latest WSAs via the following link: https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/work_safety_alert_2026.htm

4) OSH mobile application

- "OSH 2.0" mobile application provides access to the latest OSH information and services, including WSAs (Text and Animation versions), the online OSH Complaint Form, Safety Hints, OSH Training materials, online Enrolment System for OSH Training Courses, Systemic Safety Alerts, Notifications for Truss-out Scaffolds, Notices for Conducting Safety Audit, and important announcements. Please scan below QR code to download the application:

5) Online Enrolment System for OSH Training Courses

- The OSH Training Centre provides free training courses related to OSH legislation for personnel in public and private sectors. Employers who wish to arrange for their employees to attend the courses can log in to the application website below to learn about the course contents and to sign up for the courses and interested employees can also enrol on the courses through the application website below on their own:
  https://www.oshtc.labour.gov.hk/wpas/desktop/index?lang=en
- The Programme Booklet can be downloaded from the following hyperlink:
  https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/form.htm

6) Online OSH complaint platform

- LD has launched an online OSH complaint platform ("online platform"). To report unsafe operations and environments at workplaces, you can access the online platform via mobile electronic devices such as smart phones, tablets or laptops to submit an online form.
  Online platform: https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ld0001/en/
- You may also report OSH complaints to LD through LD's OSH Enquiry and Complaint Hotline, email or "1823". All complaints will be treated in the strictest confidence.
  LD's OSH Enquiry and Complaint Hotline: 2542 2172
  LD's email: enquiry@labour.gov.hk

7) Work Safety Alerts (Animation) (Versions in Chinese, English and with subtitles in languages of diverse ethnicities)

- To enhance the effectiveness of our publicity and promotion efforts, LD has been producing WSAs in the form of animation videos to enable the industry

to better comprehend how such accidents happened and the necessary preventive measures to prevent recurrence. Up to September 2026, 32 animation videos of different themes were produced. The latest one is tilted "Trapped between a Mobile Crane and a Railing" and can be downloaded and viewed via the following link:
https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/LD_Story32_Eng.mp4

- With a view to enhancing OSH awareness among workers of diverse ethnicities, LD will continue to translate the subtitles of all English version animation videos into languages of diverse ethnicities (including Hindi, Nepali, Tagalog and Urdu). Currently, 28 animation videos had been superimposed with subtitles in languages of diverse ethnicities.
- To help LD disseminate OSH information to employers and employees of various industries, please feel free to broadcast these animations on venues under your charge where appropriate. The WSAs (Animation) can be downloaded and viewed via the following links:
https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/work_safety_alert_video.htm

8) TV and Radio Announcements

- LD produced a number of TV and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest (API) to promote work safety. You can view and listen to via the following links: https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/tv/index.htm

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