

WSHAlert

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Accident Notification: Worker pinned against the top of a lift shaft

On 13 December 2017 around 11.00am, a worker was maintaining a lift in a three-storey private dwelling. The home owner used the lift to travel up to the third storey, unaware that the worker was on top of the lift car. The lift car eventually pinned the worker against the top of the lift shaft. The worker was conveyed to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries the following day.

The Ministry of Manpower has commenced investigations into the accident.

Lift maintenance personnel are reminded to adhere to safe work procedures at all times. The lift should be de-energised before performing any maintenance work.

* Information on the accident is based on preliminary investigations by the Ministry of Manpower as at 20 December 2017. This may be subject to change as investigations are still on-going. Please note that the information provided here is not exhaustive and for the benefit of enhancing workplace safety and health so that a recurrence may be prevented. The information provided is not to be construed as implying any liability to any party nor should it be taken to encapsulate all the responsibilities and obligations under the law.

Accident Notification: Worker fell from height at a construction site

On 18 December 2017 around 10.40 am, a worker was found lying motionless on a work platform within a mechanical ventilation shaft at the 4th level of a building under construction. Prior to his fall, he was last seen dismantling the aluminium formwork panels within the shaft at the 10th level. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Ministry of Manpower has commenced investigations into the accident.

The industry is reminded to conduct a comprehensive and thorough Risk Assessment (RA) and implement control measures for installing and dismantling formwork at height. Hazards including fall from height and struck by falling objects should be considered. Control measures include:

- a. implementation of an effective fall arrest system;
- b. openings on floor or platforms must be covered;
- c. sufficient lighting,
- d. proper understanding of the manufacturer's instructions and procedures relating to the installation and dismantling of formwork structures, and
- e. immediate supervision for all works that relate to formwork and works at height.

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Accident Notification: Worker fell through a false ceiling

On 24 December 2017, a worker was repairing the refrigeration system of a freezer room that was above a false ceiling. He fell 3m through the false ceiling and landed on a walkway. The worker was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The Ministry of Manpower has commenced investigations into the accident.

The industry is reminded to ensure the safety of workers working at heights and put in place the necessary risk control measures to prevent fall from heights. A comprehensive fall prevention plan should be established and implemented. Risk control measures should be in place prior to work commencement and workers are to adhere to safe work procedures when performing work at heights.

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