

# WSHAlert

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## Accident Notification: Worker fell from formwork structure

On 24 November 2020, a worker was checking formwork panels at a construction site when he lost his footing and fell about 0.8m to the ground. The worker was conveyed to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries the next day.

The Ministry of Manpower has commenced investigations into the accident.

Occupiers, employers and principals are reminded to conduct a thorough and comprehensive risk assessment for all work activities involving installation and dismantling of formwork structure. Provide suitable access equipment (e.g. step-ladder, tower scaffold), the correct tools, and the necessary personal protective equipment so that workers may carry out their tasks safely. Train workers on the safe use of access equipment and the tools provided. Provide on-site supervision to ensure workers adhere to the safe work procedure. Practise good workplace housekeeping to eliminate slip, trip and fall hazards.

Information on the accident is based on preliminary investigations by the Ministry of Manpower as at 26 Nov 2020. This may be subject to change as investigations are still on-going. Please note that the recommendations provided here are not exhaustive and they are meant to enhance workplace safety and health so that a recurrence may be prevented. The information and recommendations provided are not to be construed as implying any liability on any party nor should it be taken to encapsulate all the responsibilities and obligations under the law.

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