



Work Safety Alert **Fall from a Portable Ladder**

- 1. Date of Accident :** July 2014
- 2. Place of Accident :** A restaurant under renovation
- 3. Summary :**

An electrician fell to his death from a wooden folding ladder while conducting electrical wiring work.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :

To prevent any person falling from height, contractors/employers undertaking electrical work should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures for the work;
- avoid using portable ladders for working purpose as far as reasonably practicable and use suitable working platforms for the work ;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- provide relevant safety information, instruction, training and supervision to the workers involved; and
- establish and implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure strict and full compliance with all the above safety precautions.



5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)
- [Safety at Work – A Guide to Ladders and Elevated Working Platforms¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms¹](#)

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