



## Work Safety Alert Fall through a Metal False Ceiling

1. **Date of Accident :** August 2014
2. **Place of Accident :** A residential building
3. **Summary :**

A building assistant, in an attempt to pick something up by stepping on a G/F sheet metal false ceiling of 4m above ground, fell through the said false ceiling and died subsequently.

### 4. **Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers :**

To prevent persons falling from fragile false ceiling above ground or similar unsafe places, contractors/employers should:

- conduct task-specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working procedures with adequate safety precautions;
- strictly prohibit entering into or working on fragile false ceiling or similar unsafe places;
- if access to and working on such places are required, use suitable means of access/means of support and/or working platforms for the work;
- provide relevant safety information, instruction and training to the workers involved; and
- exercise adequate management control and effective supervision to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.



## 5. Reference :

- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)<sup>1</sup>

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