



Work Safety Alert **Fall from Height while Dismantling a Bamboo Scaffold**

1. **Date of Accident :** May 2015
2. **Place of Accident :** A residential building
3. **Summary :**

A scaffolder fell about 6m to the ground while dismantling a bamboo scaffold at the external wall of a residential building and subsequently passed away.

4. Work Safety Alert for Contractors/Employers:

To prevent any person from falling from height, contractors/employers undertaking scaffold erecting/dismantling/alteration work should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments and formulate appropriate safe working method and procedures;
- provide and properly maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- ensure that scaffold is erected/dismantled/alterd by trained workmen with adequate experience under the immediate supervision of a competent person;
- provide every worker engaged in erecting/dismantling/altering of scaffold with a suitable safety harness that is attached continuously to a suitable and secure anchor point, an independent lifeline or a fall arresting system, and ensure the proper use of them by workers;



- provide workers with necessary safety information, instruction and training on safe use of safety harness and its anchorage system; and
- develop and implement an effective monitoring and supervision system to ensure that the above safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [A Guide to the Provisions for Safe Places of Work under Part VA of the Construction Sites \(Safety\) Regulations¹](#)
- [Code of Practice for Bamboo Scaffolding Safety¹](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems¹](#)

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