

# Enhanced Green Card Safety Training for architectural Professional



# Government Policy

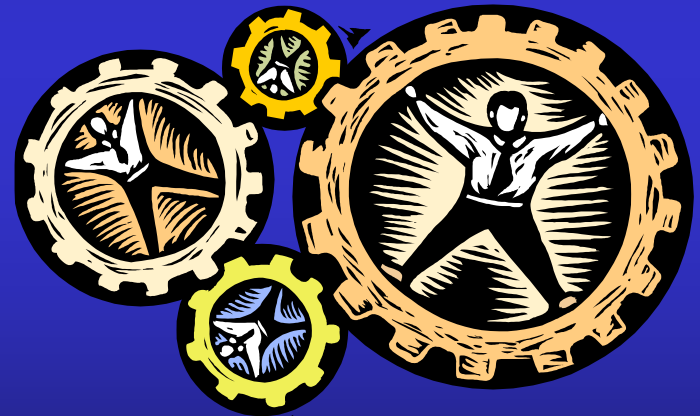
## Safety encompasses:

- The Developers
- The Architects
- The Consultants
- The Engineers
- Site Management
- Safety Staff
- The Workers



# Co-Operation

- The Government
- The Employers
- The Employees



# How Can The Employers Help?

- Ensure a safe working environment
- Prepare proper, workable Method Statements
- Pass on information to workers and Site Staff
- Ensure adequate safety supervision



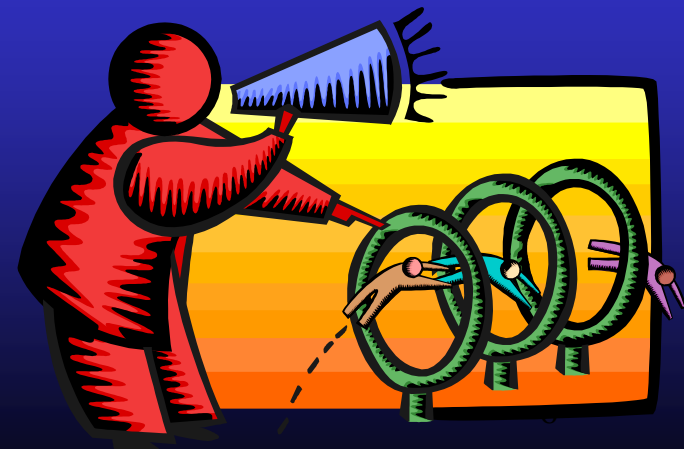
# The Employees Can Help By

- Cooperate with Site Management
- Carry out the correct procedures when so instructed
- Wear and use P.P.E.



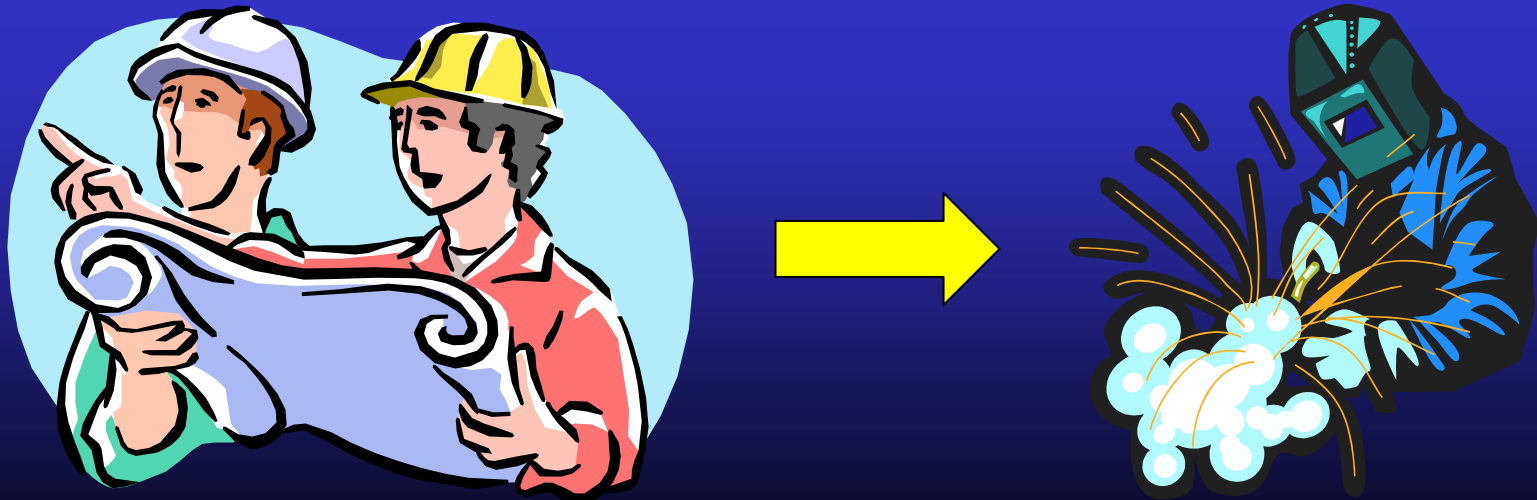
# The Government Can Help By

- Promote and publicise safety issues
- Find the resources and expertise to educate everyone
- Give advice and assistance where practicable
- Enforce legislation through the Labour Department



# Concept of Safety Policies

- The Policy Statement
- The Organisation for Safety within the Company, and individuals' responsibilities
- The Implementation of Safety Regimes



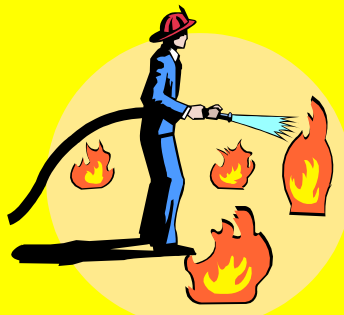
# Other Safety Documentation

## Company Safety Policy

### Site Safety Plan



### Site Fire Safety Plan



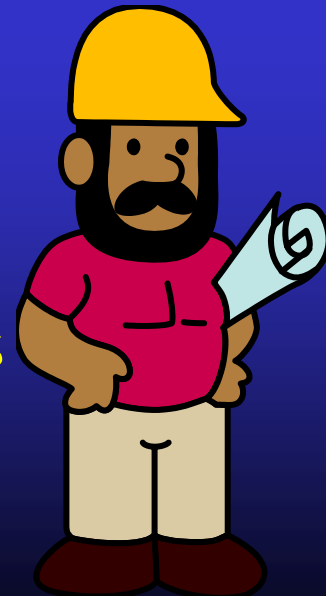
### Site Security Plan





# Basic Rules of Safety for Workers

- Observe the Safety Policy and Site Safety Plan
- Co-operate with safety personnel at all times
- Only carry out work for which you have been trained
- Wear and use the P.P.E. issued to you
- Immediately report any unsafe practices or conditions
- Don't take chances or "short cuts"



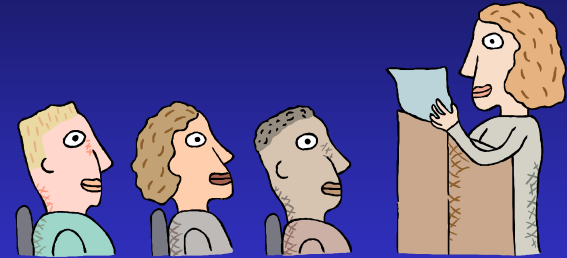
# Toolbox Talks – The Objectives:

- Remind workers of specific job related safety
- Re-affirm the safety hazards related to the job
- Remind them of the precautions they should take to minimise the hazard(s)



# Advantages of Toolbox Talks

- Carried out at place of work
- Carried out while worker is working
- It is short and to the point (5 minutes)
- Not much organisation or training aids
- Carried out to small groups or individuals
- Carried out by Safety Supervisor



# Employer's (Proprietor's) Responsibilities



The law for Health and Safety in Hong Kong is found in the:

**FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL  
UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE OF 1955 –  
CHAPTER 59**

The Specific section relating to the responsibilities of the Employer is:

**Section 6A**

# “Reasonably Practicable”



Weigh up the **cost** against the **risk**

# Section 6A

Section 6A (1) states:

“It shall be the duty of every proprietor of an industrial undertaking to ensure,

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the health and safety at work of all persons employed by him at the industrial undertaking”



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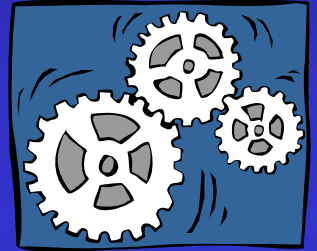
Without prejudice to the generality of a proprietor's duty under subsection (1), the matters to which that duty extends include in particular –

- a) the **provision and maintenance of plant and systems of work** that are, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health;

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d) so far as is reasonably practicable as regards any part of the **industrial undertaking** under the proprietor's control, the **maintenance** of it in a condition that is safe and without risks to health and the **provision and maintenance of means of access to and egress** from it that are safe and without such risks; and



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e) the provision and maintenance of a **working environment** for all persons employed by him at the industrial undertaking that is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health.



Employees responsibilities to  
**health and safety**  
can be found in



## **Factories and industrial undertakings Ordinance of 1955**

Chapter 59

Section 6B

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It shall be the duty of every person employed at an industrial undertaking while at work –

1. To **take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself and of other persons** who may be affected by his acts or omissions at work; and
2. As regards any duty or requirement imposed on a proprietor of the industrial undertaking or any other person by this Ordinance for securing the health and safety of persons employed at the industrial undertaking, to **co-operate with him** so far as is necessary to enable that or requirement to be performed or complied with.

# Other Safety Legislation under the Factories and Industrial undertakings Regulations



- Codes of Practices
- Guidance Notes

# Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations

## Construction Work means:

- The construction, erection, installation, re-construction, repair, maintenance, renewal, alteration, improvement, dismantling or demolition
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**These Regulations are applicable to:**

- all construction work
- all construction sites; and
- the machinery, plant, tools, gear and materials used for the construction work

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## The Regulations cover:

- Construction, maintenance and inspection of hoists  
Safety of hoistways and cages, test and examination of hoists
- Safe scaffolds, working platforms and ladders, etc.
- Safe means of access and egress
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- Sanitary conveniences
- Notification of construction work
- First aid facilities and provision of stretchers
- Shelter and facilities for meals





# Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance

1997

1st Came into effect as  
from the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1997

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One of the most important aspect of this Ordinance is the power given to the Ordinance Safety Officers to impose:

**Improvement Notices**  
and  
**Suspension Notices**

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## Provisions of the Ordinance:

- ensure safe design and maintenance of plant
- guarding of dangerous parts of plant
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- First Aid facilities

# Occupational Safety and Health

## Manual Handling Requirements

1. Preliminary Assessments of the risks
2. Avoid manual handling operations where possible
3. Future Risk Assessments if operation is necessary
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4. Reduce risks by using mechanical means where possible
5. Arrangements for protective and preventative measures
6. Provide information and training



# Accident Prevention

A **near miss** is defined as:

“An undesired event that **MAY** result in injury or damage to property”

An **accident** is defined as:

“An undesired event which results in injury or property damage”

# Causes of Accidents (management)



Lack of proper supervision



Bad Housekeeping<sup>42</sup>

# Causes of Accidents (management)



Lack of proper Method  
Statement



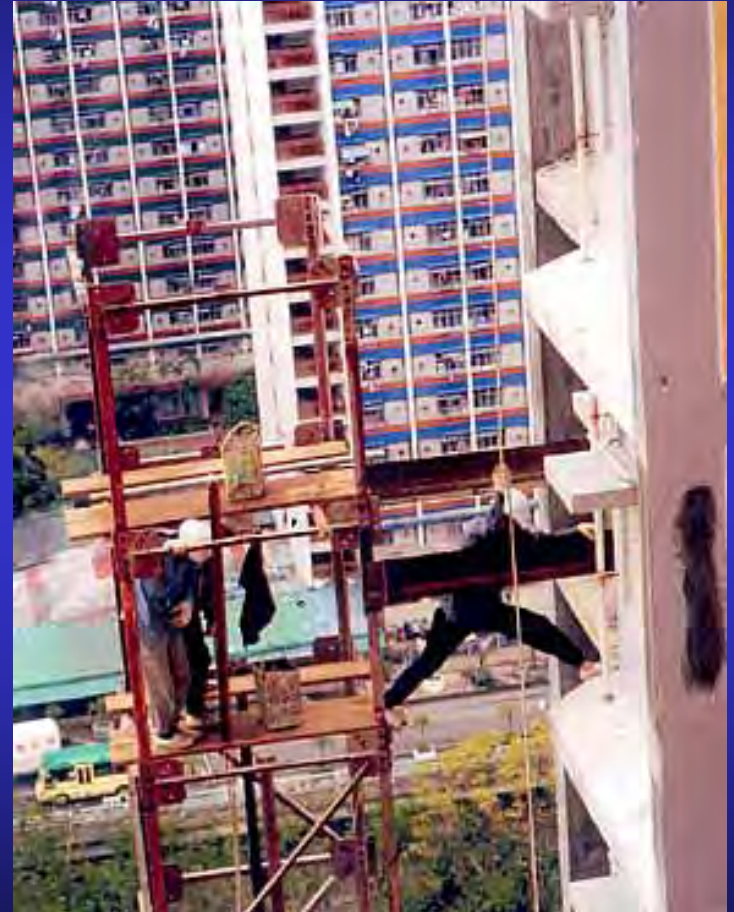
Lack of all types of  
safety training



# Causes of Accidents (management)



Working at speeds to  
get the job done



Lack of adequate  
working platforms

# Causes of Accidents (Workers)

- Lack of knowledge or skill
- Taking short cuts
- Simple laziness
- The “Macho” image
- Piece work – time is of the essence
- “Accidents never happen to me”



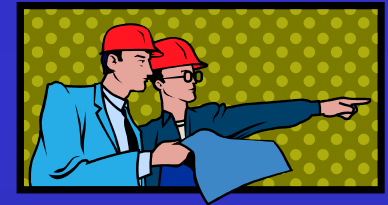
# Principles of Accidents Prevention

- All “near misses” should be reported, investigated and remedial actions instigated
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- Assess all training needs throughout the project
- Management must plan well in advance the site layout and the logical sequence of works
- Safety Supervisors must have some form of safety training before appointed

# Summary of Accident Prevention Control

**The Worker**



**The Equipment  
or  
Machine**



**The Environment  
and  
the Site**



# Costs of Accidents

- The Injured Worker
- The Families
- The Employer
- Society



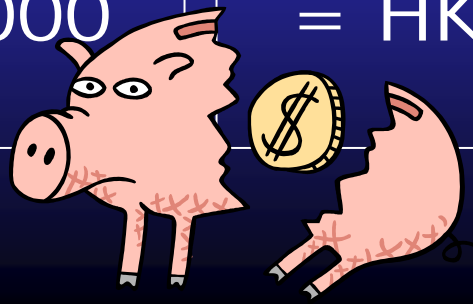
# Workers Compensation Ordinance – Payments

## Death

72 months salary to  
a maximum of  
HK\$ 21,000  
per month  
= HK\$ 1,512,000

## Total Paralysis

96 months salary to  
a maximum of  
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per month  
= HK\$ 2,016,000



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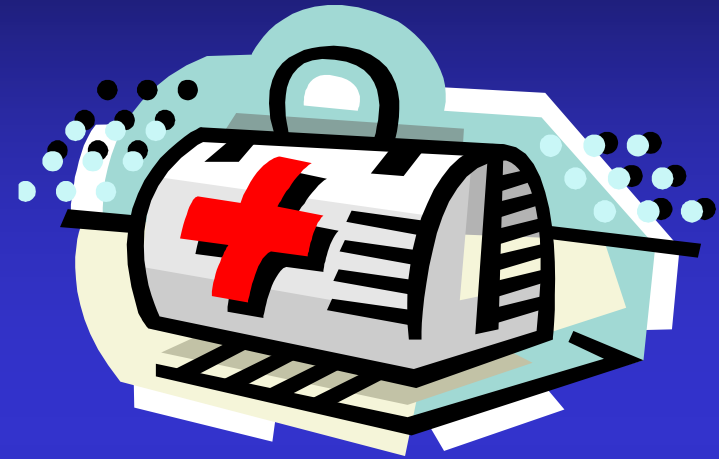
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- Dangerous occurrences must be reported within 24 hours, in writing – injury is not a necessary criteria
- NB. All fatal accidents must also be reported to the Police





# First Aid

- The Constructions Sites (Safety) Regulations cover the requirements for First Aid Facilities
- Schedule 2 of these regulations gives details of the minimum contents of First Aid Boxes



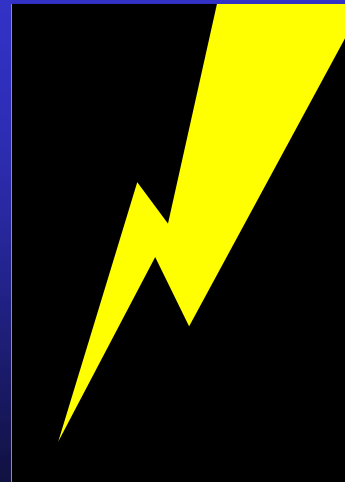
# Emergency Procedures

**Anyone coming onto a construction site for the first time should be told:**

- How to contact the Safety Department
- The policy on how to call the Ambulance, the Labour Department, the Fire Services and the Police
- The location of fire fighting equipment and how to use it
- Assembly, Access and egress points

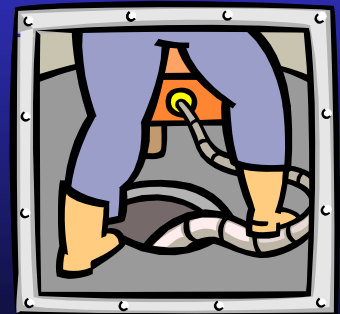
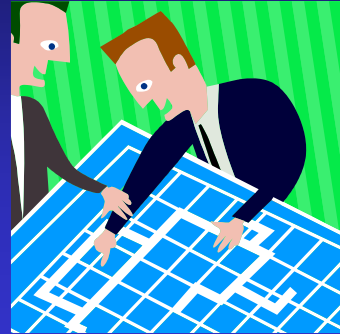
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- Procedures for Typhoons and Heavy Rainstorms
- The criteria for stopping work at heights during high winds



# Setting up a Safe Site

1. Proper planning of site layout is very important
2. Check what restraints are around the site, i.e. roads, railways, flight paths, water areas, overhead and underground services, etc
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6. Consider temporary power supply and how best to lay cables



# Safe Working Environment

- Check whether there is a need for a Noise Permit
- Will you need an excavation permit?
- What are the requirements of your hoarding permit?
- Ensure there is an adequate communication system, i.e. telephones, radio etc.
- What “dust” control procedures i.e. wheel wash etc.
- Ensure good lighting, ventilation etc

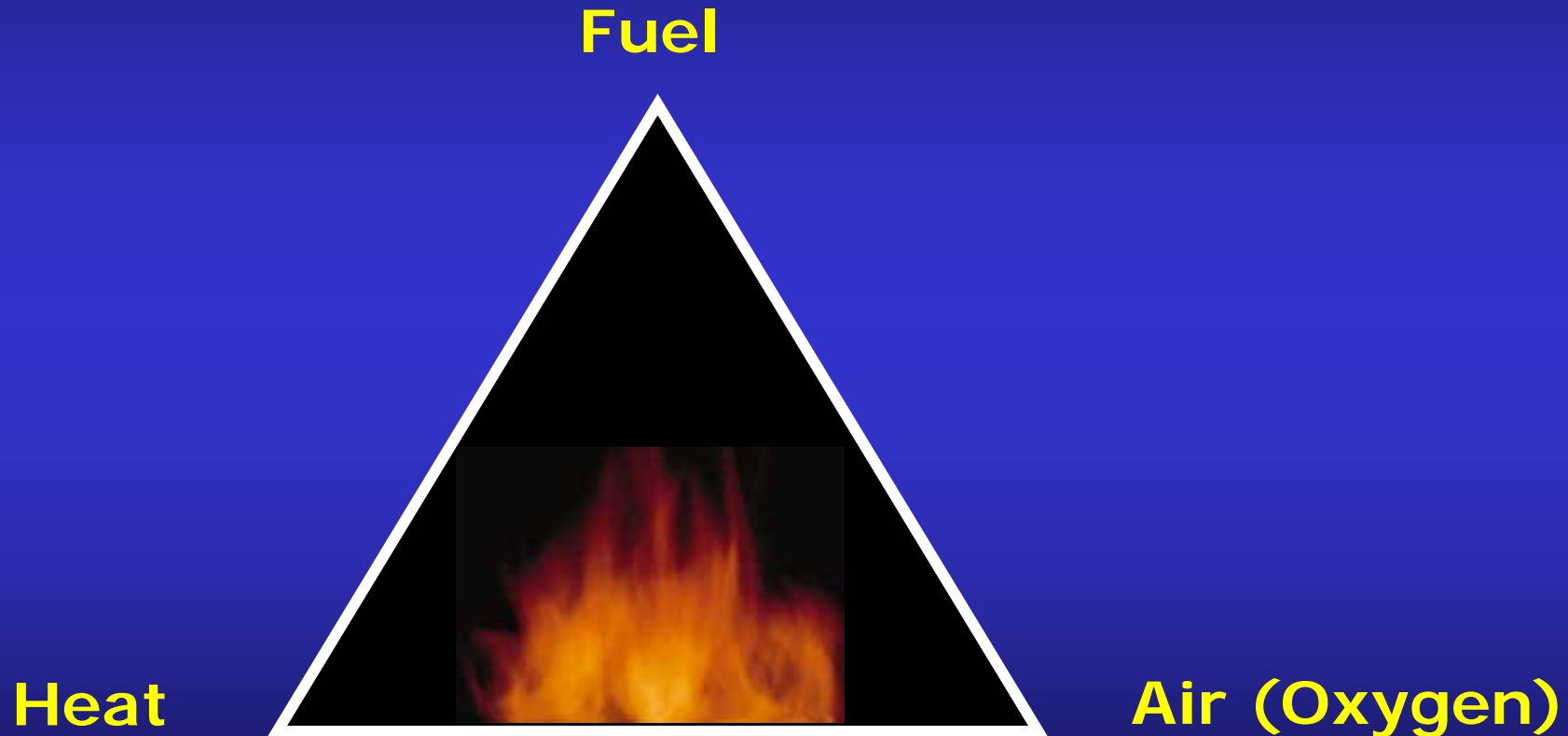
# Good Housekeeping

- Look carefully at storage arrangements
- Keep rubble, debris and rubbish to a minimum
- Check the management, storage etc of the Dangerous Substances





# Fire Precautions and Fire Prevention



Triangle of Fire

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- Damaged cables coming into contact with metal
- Bare wires

# Some Preventative Measures

- Control burning of waste materials
- Never light a fire using flammable liquids
- Extinguished cigarettes before discarding
- Control the sparks from welding or cutting
- Check heating or cooling appliances for serviceability
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- Oily rags could cause spontaneous combustion.



-Improper storage/placement of paint



-Improper disposal of battery



# Prevent Electrical Fires

- Most electrical fires are caused by misuse of appliances or neglect
- Use of **multi socket adaptors** should be actively discouraged
- Follow the simple rule – ***one socket to one appliance***
- Lack of proper earthing to plugs, appliances etc.

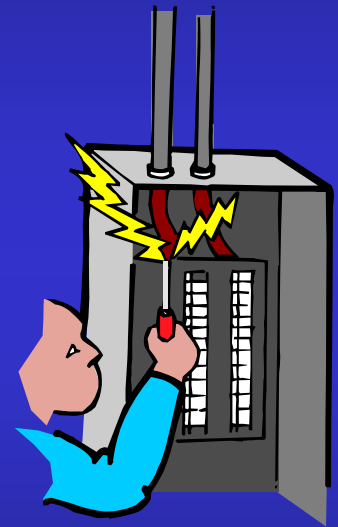
# Actions for Electrical Fires

- Switch off electrical supply
- DO NOT get closer than 1 meter from fire if electricity has not been switched off
- Use CO2 Extinguisher
- NEVER use water



# Dangers of Working with Electricity

- Electrical shock, even small shocks can kill
- Burns caused by arcing, sparks etc
- Fire and explosion
- Arc eye from welding operations
- **All wiring, equipment and accessories shall be installed and regularly checked by licensed personnel**



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- Disconnect tools when not in use.
- Get your tools checked by a Competent Electrician

# Safety in Excavation

- Displacement of Earth
- Fall of persons into excavations
- Falling objects from sides of excavations
- Underground Utilities
- Build up of Toxic or flammable gases
- Ingress of mud by underground water, rain etc

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5. Excavation works supervised by Competent Person
6. Excavation workers instructed in the dangers of working in excavations
7. Procedures for de-watering must be available
8. Before excavations start, all underground utilities should be identified





-Tarps are used to prevent from landslide

# Manual Handling



Over  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all accidents  
are directly attributable to  
“manual handling”

# Common Types of Injury

- Hernia
- Torn muscles in back, arms or legs
- Slipped disc or Sciatica
- Lacerations, contusions, crushing to all parts of the body
- Sprains and Strains

# Procedures to be Taught, Supervised and Adopted

1. Gloves should be worn
2. Wearing of safety shoes/boots
3. Assess the load for weight
4. Ask for assistance if too heavy
5. Check route is clear of trip hazards
6. Ensure you can see over the load



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9. Management should arrange mechanical means of lifting

# Scaffolds, Working Platforms & Ladders



Working at Heights  
has many inherent hazards  
and  
many accidents happen  
as a result of  
bad scaffold management

# Common Hazards

- Fall of person due to collapse of scaffolding
- Fall of person from scaffolding, ladder or working platform
- Fall of objects from above whilst working on scaffolding



# The law and scaffolding

If a worker can fall more than 2 meters, the Proprietor must arrange a working platform and a safe system of work

# Safe use of Scaffolds

- Over 15 meters high must be designed by an Engineer
- Bi-weekly inspections to be carried out by a Competent Person
- After adverse weather conditions must be inspected by Competent Person
- Scaffolds must have working platforms
- Safe access onto scaffold must be provided
- Independent life lines and fall arrestors must be provided if working platforms cannot be properly erected

# Safe use of Scaffolds

- What's wrong with this photo?

It should be a **doubled scaffolding** with **working platforms, toeboards and railing**



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**Support of the scaffolding resting on unstable edge of a trench**



# Working Platforms Specifications

- Boards for working on must be at least 400mm wide
- Guard-rails between 900 – 1500mm with an intermediate one at between 450 – 600mm
- Toeboards at least 200mm high



# Working Platforms Specifications

- What's wrong with these photos?



- **Guard rails** and **intermediate rails** are **missing**.
- **Orange mesh** acts as a **soft screen** only.

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What's wrong with this photo?

- Working at height without safety belts
- Lack of working platform at scaffolding



# Safe use of Ladders



- There is legal requirement for ladders to be properly constructed and maintained and should be inspected regularly for incidents of disrepair
- Many 'home – made" stools and plasterers' inadequate working platforms should be banned from sites



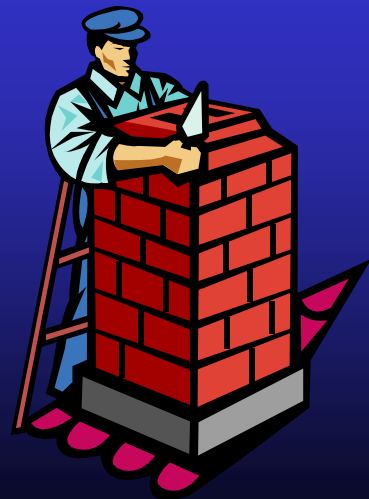
# Ladders and the Law

- Ladders must be of good construction.
- Home – made ladders and bamboo ladders should be actively discouraged
- Ladders must not be used if a rung is broken or missing
- Ladders should be lashed at the top, if not possible, properly “footed” at the base
- Ladders should, where possible, extend 1 meter above the landing place
- Ladder should be on firm level ground



# Consider the Following

- Use both hands when climbing or descending a ladder
- Arrange ways of carrying tools and materials up and down a ladder
- Face the ladder when ascending or descending
- Be weary of your surroundings, i.e. traffic
- Do not place metal ladders near electrical wires and/or cables
- Do not support ladders from their rungs



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- Try to set the ladder at a slope of 75°

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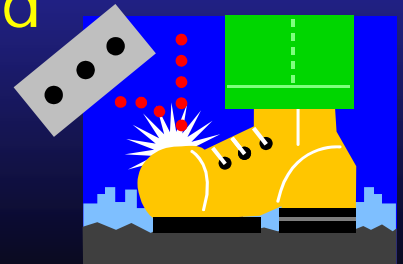
# Personal Protective Equipment (P.P.E.)

- P.P.E. should only be used as a last line of defence
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- Workers should not be expected to provide their own P.P.E.



# Principles of P.P.E.

1. P.P.E. should be designed properly and in most cases there is a legal requirement that they conform to BS, or equivalent, standards
2. P.P.E. should fit properly and their uses
3. The issue of P.P.E. must be strictly enforced
4. Provision for the checking, cleaning and maintenance of P.P.E. is essential



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- **Eye Protection**
  - Respiratory Protection
  - Safety Belts and Harnesses (Working at Heights)
  - Ear Protection (Noise Control Area)
- **Safety Footwear Hand Protection**
  - Cotton for general purposes
  - Leather for rebar purposes
  - Rubber for contact with electrical equipment or chemicals
  - Steel



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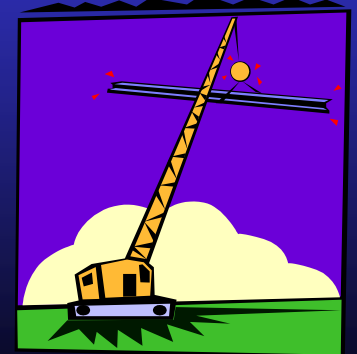
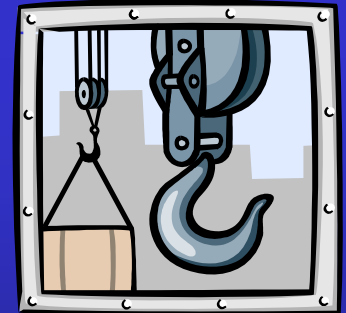
# General Precautions for Confined Space Entry

- Education and training of the hazards
- Testing the atmosphere before entering a confined space
- Supply, if necessary, good ventilation
- Ensure safe access and egress
- Ensure life – saving aids are available, with a trained First Aider
- Use, wherever possible, low–voltage equipment

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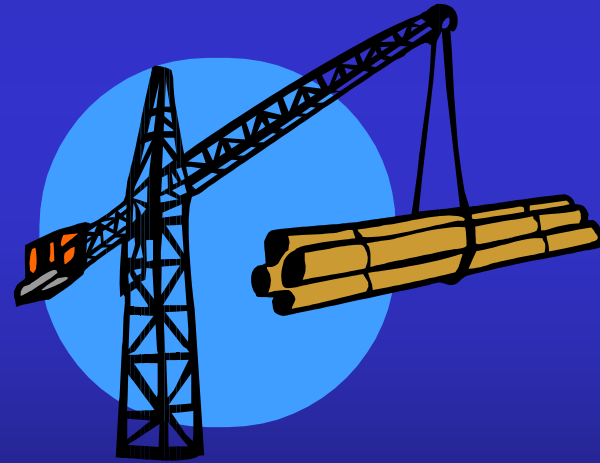
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- Refuse Containers and lifting wires



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# Legal Requirement – Lifting Appliances

- All lifting appliances must be examined and certified as safe by a **Registered Professional Engineer (RPE)** every **12 months**
- Many appliances need to be inspected **every week** by a **Competent Person**

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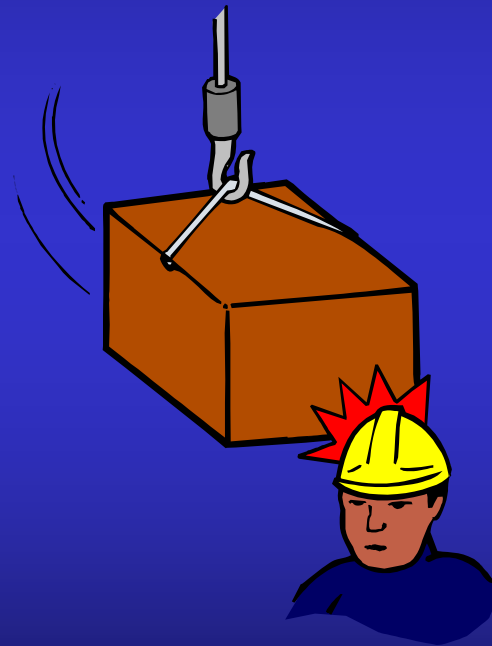
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- Fall of person
- Struck by a moving crane
- Struck by a swinging load
- Fall of objects from a load
- Contact with High Voltage Overhead Cables



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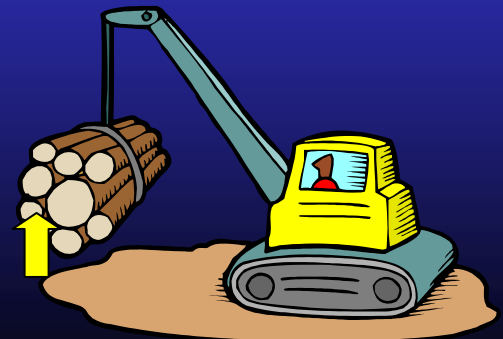
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# Electric Arc Welding

## Common Hazards:

- Burns caused by sparks
- Damage to eyes by radiation, infra red or heat cataracts
- Skin Irritation due to Ultra Violet Rays
- Inhalation of Toxic Fumes and Gases
- Electric Shock
- Fire and Explosion



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## The Hazards:

- Explosion of gas cylinders
- Fire Risks
- Inhalation of toxic fumes
- Damage to eyes by radiation
- Manual handling of gas cylinders





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- Handle gas cylinders with care
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- Personal Protection
- Medical Examination

# Other Environmental Issues

## - Noise

- Environment Protection Department
- Noise Permit
- Noise Monitoring

## - Asbestos

- Environment Protection Department
- Specialist Contractor
- Survey and Removal

## Other Potential Hazards

### - **Working with Chemicals**

- Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
- Warning Signs
- P.P.E.
- Specially trained personnel

### - **Use of Cartridge-operated fixing tool**

- Approved tools
- Trained/ Competent personnel
- Regular Maintenance

## **Safety Legislations:**

1. **Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance**
2. **Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance**
3. **Shipping and Port Control Ordinance**
4. **Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance**
5. **Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance**
6. **Electricity Ordinance**
7. **Gas Safety Ordinance**
8. **Waste Disposal Ordinance**
9. **Dangerous Goods Ordinance**
10. **Fire Services Ordinance**
11. **Buildings Ordinance**

## **Code of Practices:**

1. **Safety at Work (Lift and Escalator)**
2. **Safety and Health at Work for Industrial Diving**
3. **Safety and Health at Work with Asbestos**
4. **Safe Use and Operation of Suspended Working Platforms**
5. **Safety and Health at Work (Land-based Construction over Water – Prevention of Fall**
6. **Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces**
7. **Safety and Health at Work for Gas Welding and Flame Cutting**
8. **Bamboo Scaffolding Safety**
9. **Metal Scaffolding Safety**
10. **Control of Lead at Work**
11. **Safety Management**
12. **Safe Use of Tower Cranes**

## **Code of Practices: (continue)**

- 13. Control of Air Impurities (Chemical Substances) in the Workplace**
- 14. Health at Work for Manual Electric Arc Welding**
- 15. Safe Use of Mobile Cranes and Tower Cranes**
- 16. Design and Construction of Builder's Lifts**
- 17. Design and Construction of Tower Working Platforms**
- 18. Gas Production & Supply – Avoiding Danger from Gas Pipes**
- 19. Electricity (Wiring) Regulations**
- 20. Demolition of Buildings (Draft)**
- 21. Lighting, Signing and Guarding of Road Works**

## Contractual Provisions, e.g.

- Safety Plan
- Pay for Safety Scheme
- Independent Safety Audit Scheme
- Site Safety Cycle
- Metal Scaffolding

## Useful Web Sites

- [www.etwb.gov.hk](http://www.etwb.gov.hk) (ETW Bureau, HKSAR)
- [www.oshc.org.hk](http://www.oshc.org.hk) (Occupational Safety Health Council, HKSAR)
- [www.info.gov.hk/labour](http://www.info.gov.hk/labour) (Labour Department, HKSAR)
- [www.open.gov.uk/hse](http://www.open.gov.uk/hse) (HSE, UK)
- [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) (USA)
- [www.NSCA.au](http://www.NSCA.au) (National Safety Council, Australia)

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