

Safety & Health Alert No. 49/2019

Systemic Safety Alert from Labour Department – Risk Control of Workplace Vehicles and Mobile Plant

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This serves to draw your attention to the captioned Systemic Safety Alert published by Labour Department (LD).

The Labour Department (“LD”) issued a Systemic Safety Alert of “Risk Control of Workplace Vehicles and Mobile Plant” in June 2016 in response to the fatal accidents involving workplace vehicles and mobile plants. The purpose of the alert is to draw the attention of relevant parties to the relevant systemic safety problems and accident prevention measures necessary to protect people engaging in similar works activities. It also lists out those major systemic safety deficiencies commonly found, which include:

- failure to conduct risk assessments and to formulate a safe system of work involving the traffic or operation of workplace vehicles or mobile plant; and
- poor traffic management with inadequate control measures to prevent persons from being struck by moving workplace vehicles or mobile plant.

In view of recent recurrence of the similar accidents, LD would like remind relevant parties about the importance of the systemic safety problems and relevant necessary accident preventive measures to prevent similar accidents from happening again.

The Systemic Safety Alert can also be downloaded through the link below:

<https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/osh/pdf/SSA-02-2016.pdf>

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