

## **Safety & Health Alert No. 4/2021 Announcement from Labour Department – Prevention of COVID-19 in Construction Sites**

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In view of the recent upsurge in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases involving construction sites, the Labour Department (LD) urges contractors, employers, employees and other personnel in the construction industry to remain vigilant and take appropriate preventive measures with the reference to the latest Health Advice on Prevention of COVID-19 in Workplace promulgated by the Centre for Health Protection. This advice can also be downloaded through the link below:  
[https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/nid\\_guideline\\_workplace\\_eng.pdf](https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/nid_guideline_workplace_eng.pdf)

Contractors and employers should refer to the above Health Advice and maintain environmental hygiene on construction sites especially the latrines. If cargo containers are used for having meals, changing or taking rest by employees, contractors and employers should limit the number of workers in each container at the same time so as to keep adequate social distancing; and maintain adequate ventilation there.

LD administers the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap.509), the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap.59) and their subsidiary regulations to protect the safety and health of employees. Under the general duties provisions of the aforesaid legislation, the contractors and employers concerned have to take necessary measures to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers, including provision and maintenance of adequate and suitable sanitary facilities, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at work.

At last, LD appeals for your assistance to disseminate this email to other related persons to jointly safeguard the occupational safety and health of employees.