

## **Safety & Health Circular No. 05/2010**

### **Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Loadshifting Machines for Earth Moving Operations on Construction Sites**

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In recent years there have been a number of serious accidents arising from the use of loadshifting machines for earth moving operations on construction sites. These accidents often arise due to one or a combination of factors including:

- the absence of a safe working system for the operation;
- inappropriate selection of equipment;
- operators not being properly trained;
- poor maintenance of equipment; and
- failure to observe necessary safety precautions.

The Labour Department has issued *Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Loadshifting Machines for Earth Moving Operations on Construction Sites*. The Guidance Notes include advice on the following:

- Establishing a safe system of work
- Selection of appropriate machines
- On-site inspection and maintenance
- Running safe operations
- Selection of responsible people
- Ensuring competence of mechanics
- Ensuring competence of operators
- Safety notes

The Guidance Notes can be downloaded at:

<http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/os/C/LoadshiftingMachines.pdf>



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