

Safety & Health Circular No. 16/2014

Safety Alert for Wearing Safety Helmet

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In accordance with Regulation 48 of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Chapter 59), a contractor responsible for a construction site shall (a) provide each workman employed on the site with a suitable safety helmet; and (b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that no workman remains on the site unless he is wearing a suitable safety helmet.

However, it is advised by the Labour Department that there is an increasing trend of failure of workmen in wearing safety helmet on the Housing Authority sites of construction works and repair, maintenance, alteration and addition works. This has raised our grave concern over site safety. As all of you should know that falling objects is one of the main causes of serious/fatal accidents on construction sites and safety helmets serve as the basic protection of workmen against falling objects. As a responsible contractor, you are seriously reminded to ensure your workmen wearing suitable safety helmets on site. This is not only to comply with the statutory requirement but also to help reducing injuries/fatalities caused by falling objects and thus save the valuable resources of the society, i.e. workmen.