

Here is the footage from the
Hong Kong Housing Authority
"Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts" which was held on 27
April 2017.
Now is the first question and answer session.

If you have a problem
Ask questions from guests from the OSHC and the Electrical and Mechanical Services
Department

I want to ask Mr. Ho.

Not much to do with today's theme

Regarding the Electricity Ordinance (Chapter 406), it is pointed out that if electrical
engineering is carried out

A relevant electrical equipment contractor licence is required

Assume that the main contractor and the sub-contractor sign a contract

If the main contractor does not have a relevant licence, it is against the spirit of the
law.

In fact, it can be violated or not violated.

The key is the employer

It may be the Housing Department
or the private organisation

I will explain it now.

A form of covenant between the employer and the contractor

I also understand that at the moment of covenant
a designated subcontractor had been appointed.

If the employer and the contractor make a contract,

and it is prescribed that the project will be assigned to the designated subcontractor.

If the designated subcontractors are also

Registered Electrical Contractor (REC),

in this case, there is a clear indication in the contract,

therefore there is no violation of the law requirements

The government's contract has clearly stated that, so basically there is no big issue.

For private contracts, everyone needs to pay attention

if the employer does not specify the relevant provisions at the time of signing the
contract,

when the contractor entered into the project,

the contractor has violated relevant laws

I hope I can answer your question.

Regarding the Housing Department Safety Auditing Scheme,
Now the subcontractors also need to be audited.

When will the subcontractor need to conduct a second audit?

In the current situation, subcontractors include electrical, fire service and air conditioning.

When the main contractor is being audited, the subcontractors also need to participate.

They have to participate when the contract is commenced.

Every time when HD carries out safety audit,
subcontractors need to submit the scores to the HD

There is a requirement for secure payment of audit under pay for safety.

As for the lift, it will be audited separately.

When the lift company comes into the site,
the audit will start.

What is the definition of entry?

If no workers work on the site,
the project has not yet started, only in the design stage.

Is it still necessary to be audited?

If the workers have entered into the site already,
relevant persons are stationed at the construction site,
and the site offices have started to operate,
then safety audit need to be started.

My surname is Lam, may I ask Mr. Ho?

You have just mentioned the contents of the permits,
For working on the construction sites, maintenance and repair, commercial buildings,
etc.

do we need permit system?

According to the new regulations, it is required.

It is required on or after November 30, 2017

Is it not a code but a statutory requirement?

It is a code.

Can we avoid it ?

No, you can't.

As mentioned earlier, the Code is in compliance with the statutory requirements.

If it is not observed, is it permitted?

It depends on whether the system you follow is
fulfilling the requirements of the Code.

The Code is not equivalent to the law

You can replace it by other means

Just as work permits or electrical safety assessment

As mentioned in the Appendix 15 and Appendix 16,
all are indicated with the word of "sample".

In theory, it is alright that you don't work according to the code.

However in the future, when you have an accident,

if you are confident that the system you are using is not inferior to this code,
you can use your system.

Just a hypothetical question

Normally it is not like this.

As mentioned earlier, there are several types of qualified persons.

This includes safety officer.

Frankly speaking, the person who usually performs
pays attention to legal responsibility.

What is the extent of their legal responsibility under the law ?

Basically, under the Electricity Ordinance (Chapter 406)

The main legal responsibility

lies on the registered electrical workers (REW)

I mentioned that there are three types of people in charge.

including registered electrical workers (REW),

registered professional engineer (RPE)

and registered safety officer (RSO)

To avoid the grey area of the law,

Don't look for registered electrical workers (REW)

to act as responsible officer

Looking for a Registered Safety Officer (RSO) and a Registered Professional Engineer
(RPE)

The working group also talked about this issue.

At that time, we also agreed that

if a registered professional engineer (RPE)

or a registered safety officer (RSO)

shows irregularities in their service,

they would be referred to the relevant governing body

such as the Registered Safety Officer (RSO)

there are registration authorities

which will take regulatory action against the individuals

There is still a question

A speaker just mentioned that the miniature circuit breaker (MCB) needs to be

locked.

We also buy locks similar to switches

I want to know more about the performance and specifications of miniature circuit breakers (MCB)

According to the documents, no actual requirements and specifications

As each manufacturer's design is different,

we cannot standardise all miniature circuit breakers (MCB)

or moulded case of circuit breaker (MCCB) practice

Please refer to the contents of 9A(3)(d)

which are flexible

As long as there is a lockable function

There is a specific way to unlock after locking

there it can meet the requirements

Thank you, Mr. Ho.

Are there any more questions?

I want to ask Mr. Fong

I have repeatedly attended such audit finding briefings,
good and not good practices.

Mistakes are repeated and quite often.

I suggest whether good management system or measures
of some better contractors can be recommended
for us as our role models?

Yes, if there are good examples

Will share with you

If there are no more questions

We take a break for ten minutes

Thank you for watching.