

Dear Chairman and Members of the WSH Council (Construction and Landscape) Committee,

We would like to share the attached WSH Insights, “Strengthening Safety in Small-Scale Construction Works”, which highlights common WSH risks associated with small-scale construction works, including addition and alteration (A&A) works and renovation projects.

We hope the Insight will be a useful resource for your reference. We would also appreciate your support in sharing it with your respective industries/members, where relevant, to raise awareness and encourage the adoption of good WSH practices at their worksites.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting workplace safety and health.

Regards,

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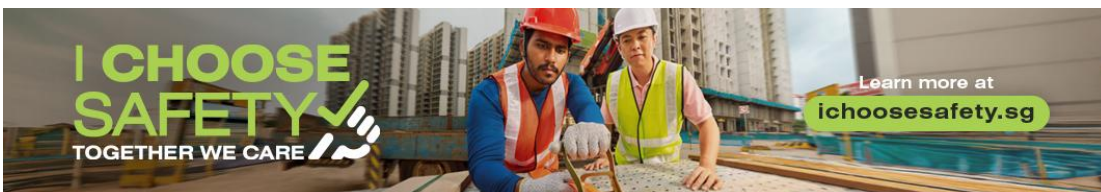
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Strengthening Safety in Small-Scale Construction Works

In 2025, small-scale construction works, including addition and alteration (A&A) works and renovation projects, resulted in five fatalities and 90 major injuries¹. These works accounted for more than 60% of all fatal and major injuries in the construction sector.

Common safety lapses observed include inadequate fall protection, unsafe work at height, improperly assembled formwork, electrical hazards, and unsafe access to and egress from work areas.

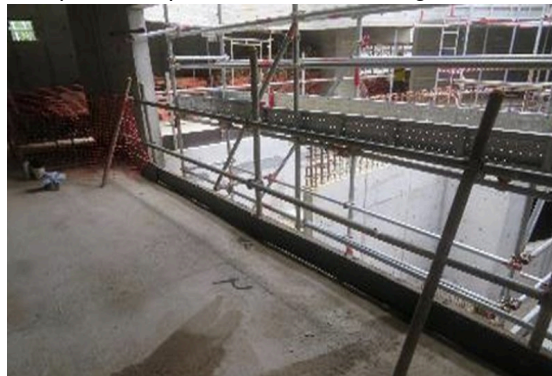
In the coming months, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will be conducting targeted inspections of small-scale construction works.

The WSH Council strongly encourages companies to conduct thorough risk assessments and strengthen controls for these hazards to be well prepared for MOM's upcoming inspections. The following are examples of good WSH practices commonly adopted by companies to address hazards associated with small-scale construction works.

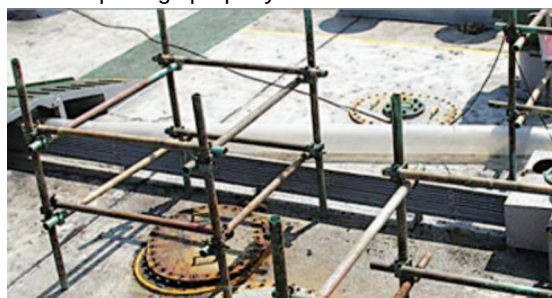
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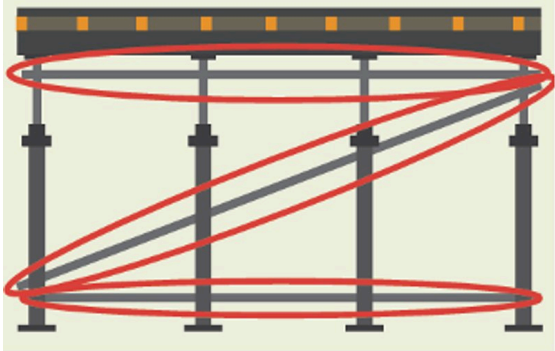
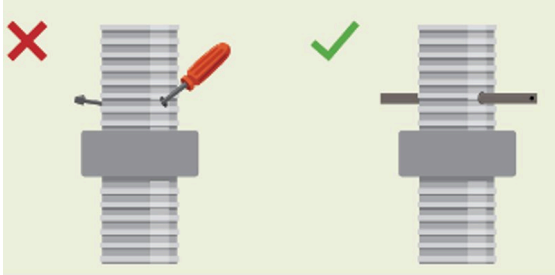
Install proper guardrails or barricades at all open sides and floor openings where workers are at risk of falling.

Open sides protected with suitable guardrails.



Floor openings properly covered and barricaded.



	Clearly mark all open sides and floor openings with prominent safety signages. 
Ensure all formworks are properly erected, braced and supported in accordance with the approved formwork design.	Bracings installed according to design specifications.  Use only approved materials and components. 
Provide and maintain safe access to and egress from all work levels.	Properly constructed staircases for safe movement of workers. 
Deploy only workers who have completed WSH training for work at height (e.g. Workforce Skills Qualifications Perform Work at Height Course).	Workers undergoing training for safe working at height. 

Practise good housekeeping to keep work areas clean, tidy and free of trip hazards.	Materials stored neatly and walkways kept free from obstructions. 
Ensure all electrical installations, equipment and extension cords are properly maintained and protected from damage.	Cable gland protecting the cable from fraying and damage.  All sockets and plugs kept in good condition. 

¹ Workplace Safety and Health Report 2025, Ministry of Manpower.

A small job done safely is a big step towards preventing injuries and saving lives.

For more information:

WSH Legislation

WSH Act

WSH (Risk Management) Regulations

WSH (Construction) Regulations 2007

WSH (Scaffolds) Regulations 2011

WSH (Work at Heights) Regulations 2013

Ministry of Manpower

[WSH National Statistics Report 2025](#)

Workplace Safety and Health Council

[Code of Practice on WSH Risk Management](#)

[Code of Practice for Working Safely at Heights](#)

[WSH Guidelines on Anchorage, Lifelines and Temporary Edge Protection Systems](#)

[WSH Guidelines on Personal Protective Equipment for Work at Heights](#)

[Work at Heights Toolkit for Supervisors](#)

[Work safely with Formwork](#)

[WSH Guidelines on Workplace Housekeeping](#)

[WSH Insights: Prevent falls from open sides](#)

[WSH Insights: Prevent falls with travel restraints](#)

[WSH Insights: Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls](#)

[WSH Insights: Strengthening Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention](#)

[WSH Insights: Working Safely with Ladders](#)

[WSH Insights: Working Safely with Mobile Elevating Work Platforms](#)

[WSH Insights: Safeguard Workers from Trips and Falls](#)

[WSH Insights: Working Safely on Fragile Surfaces](#)

[WSH Insights: Safety in Smaller-scale Construction Works](#)

[Ladder Safety Pack](#)

[6 Basic WSH Rules for Reducing WSH Risks](#)

[6 Basic WSH Rules for Working at Heights](#)

[6 Basic WSH Rules for Safe Use of Ladders](#)

[6 Basic WSH Rules for Workplace Housekeeping](#)

[6 Basic WSH Rules for Use of Electrical Equipment](#)

[Activity-Based Checklist for Working Safely at Heights](#)

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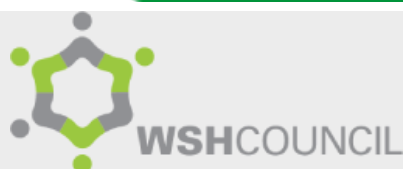
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