

SAFETY ALERT #417



Dated: Sunday, 28th FEBRUARY 2010

Title: FAILURE OF PERMIT TO WORK



The helmet of the injured person was broken by the impact of the block.



Piece of block which fell inside the riser.

This accident occurred at a (G+24 floor tower site) which involved one labourer, who was fitting duct inside a riser on the 7th Floor. The accident was caused by the failure & negligence of the main contractor who 'Permitted the Subcontractor to Work' inside the riser, however, at the same time a masonry team was also working in the same riser at one of the upper floors (21st floor). A hollow core block fell from the 21st floor and broke the overhead protection covering the 9th floor. The block continued to fall & hit the worker who was working on the 7th floor on the head. The worker was at once hospitalized and was found that his shoulder bone was broken. The injured person was given exemption from work for 3 months.

Investigate to correct failure of the PTW and prevent the drop of equipment from height. Risk assessment must be reviewed to address corrective and preventative actions.