

Dying on the job

Barely halfway through the year, 32 workers have lost their lives while on the job. In most of these cases, their names and nationalities were not made public.

Jan 1

A worker who was fixing leaks in pipelines was struck by a pipe connector that burst open as he was dismantling it.



Jan 8

Singaporean driver Chun Kum Soon, 42, was killed on the spot at the construction site of Sengkang executive condominium The Vales, when his parked diesel truck rolled forward and pinned him against a wall.

Jan 11

A Bangladeshi cleaner, 37, known to his friends as Ali, was crushed by a waste compactor in a waste collection centre at Block 620, Bedok Reservoir Road, after he kicked the malfunctioning machine.



Jan 14

A cleaner was clearing dried leaves on a slope behind a planter wall when he lost his balance and fell off the 1m-high wall, striking his head on the concrete floor.

Jan 22

A worker, who was installing roofing sheets atop a storage shelter, fell nearly 9m through a gap in the roof to his death.



Jan 26

A worker was found lying at the bottom of a cargo tank of a marine vessel undergoing repairs. He later died in hospital.

Jan 28

A worker fell over the edge of the upper deck of a marine vessel while retrieving some lashing belts, landing on the lower deck 2.5m below.

Jan 29

Bangladeshi worker Hasan Kazi, 26, was hit by a falling concrete bucket from the excavator he was guiding at the Great World MRT station construction site.



Jan 29

A worker died after he was pinned by a reversing concrete truck against a heavy machine.

Feb 7

A cleaner at work slipped while walking on an unsheltered ramp when it was raining. He died in hospital.

Feb 17

A Bangladeshi floor crane operator, 25, was killed when the crane he was operating fell off the edge of the 12th storey of a building under construction in Mandalay Road, dragging him with it.



Feb 27

A worker was descending by rope into a storage tank of a marine vessel when he called for help. He was rescued by co-workers and taken to hospital, but died two weeks later of a heat-related illness.

March 3

A worker who was installing new asbestos sheets for a workshop fell through its roof and died.

March 4

A worker preparing to erect scaffolding inside a marine vessel's ballast tank fell through an opening and landed at the bottom of the tank.



March 9

A worker was struck by a piece of plywood while dismantling formwork at a construction site.

March 11

A worker was installing cable trunking above a false ceiling when he fell through it and died.

March 22

Two SMRT trainees, Mr Nasruldin Najumudin, 26, and Mr Muhammad Asyraf Ahmad Buhari, 24, were killed on the spot when they were hit by a train travelling at 60kmh at Pasir Ris MRT station. They were part of a team of 15 men who were on the track to investigate a signalling fault.

March 24

A worker who had been pumping lubrication oil from two tanks was found injured and unconscious near the trailers where the tanks were installed. He died in hospital the next day.

March 25

A security officer was showing his replacement around when he fell down a flight of stairs and struck his head. He died in hospital the next day.

March 31

A worker went to the roof of a building to check some piping work he had done the day before, but was later found at the foot of the building. He died in hospital.

April 1

A worker, who was part of a team installing PVC pipes on a roof, was found dead at the bottom of an air well that ran from the roof to the bottom of the building.

April 2

A worker was replacing the battery of a forklift on the fourth storey of a building under construction when the forklift suddenly surged backwards and fell through a floor opening. He fell together with it onto the floor below, and later died in hospital.

April 16

A 36-year-old truck driver from India died on the spot when his parked vacuum pump truck rolled into him, crushing him against a wall in Loyang Way.

April 26

A 24-year-old worker was helping to unload wire meshes from a lorry loader in Tampines Industrial Street 62 when they fell and struck him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

May 16

A lorry driver was killed in a traffic accident in the course of work along Woodlands Road.

May 19

A worker died of his injuries during construction on the Tuas West Extension of the East-West MRT Line.

May 23

Bangladeshi worker Riyade Hussain, 23, was killed at a rail depot off Mandai Road by a falling steel truss while he was unloading the truss from a trailer.

May 24

A worker in his 50s was found lying motionless at 11 Kee Seng Street and pronounced dead at the scene.