

Deaths at work this year

January

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

8 Singaporean driver Chun Kum Soon, 42, was killed at the construction site of Sengkang executive condominium The Vales, when his parked diesel truck rolled forward and pinned him against a wall. The truck's parking brake was found to be faulty.



11 A Bangladeshi cleaner, 37, known to 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.

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

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

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

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

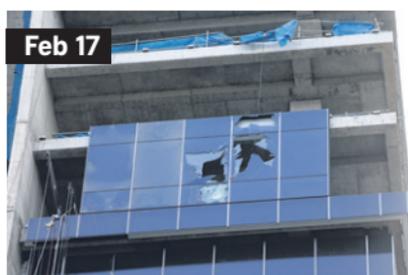
29 • A construction worker died in Tampines after being hit by a concrete bucket, when the excavator carrying it toppled into the pit he was in.

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

February

7 Cleaner Shamsudin Ahmad, 48, was drenched in a downpour and changed out of his rubber shoes into slippers, but later slipped on a wet ramp at Costa Del Sol condominium in Bayshore Road and hit the back of his head. He died in hospital four days later.

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



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 from a heat illness.

March

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

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

5 A worker was being lifted on a forklift to hang items on a wall, but struck his head against the wall when the forklift surged forward. Forklifts are not meant to be used for lifting people.

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

• A worker was found injured at the ground level of a building under construction. He died in hospital a month later.

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

22 Two SMRT trainees, Mr Nasrulhudin Najumudin, 26, and Mr Muhammad Asyraf Ahmad Buhari, 24, were hit by a train at Pasir Ris MRT station. They were part of a team of 15 men who were on the track to investigate a signalling fault.



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

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.

31 Indian national Mohan Suresh, 29, went to the roof of Block 662 Jalan Damai to check some piping works he had done the day before, but fell 14 storeys to his death.

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.

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 an opening onto the floor below. He fell with it and later died.

5 A worker, 42, was reported missing on board a vessel. His body was found at Pulau Semakau later that day.

9 Three workers were struck by lightning while concreting a floor slab in Toh Tuck Road. One, 22, later died.

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.

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.

