

Danger at work

A squeeze on manpower and tight deadlines amid the Covid-19 crisis have raised concerns about worksite safety. More frequent inspections and safety campaigns are among the initiatives to mitigate the risks.



A fire investigation team at the scene a day after the Feb 24 blaze at 32E Tuas Avenue 11.

	WHO	WHERE	WHAT HAPPENED
Feb 1	Indian national, 31, employed by Li Fu Zhan Engineering	Jurong West Street 52 construction site	Found injured and unconscious at the worksite, died in hospital.
Feb 2	Singaporean prime mover driver, 67, employed by Yong Tat Logistics	37 Jurong Port Road	Fell 2m to the ground, died in hospital.
Feb 8	Singaporean delivery rider, 30, employed by Declarators	Ayer Rajah Expressway	Collided with the rear of a truck, pronounced dead at the scene.
Feb 10	Mr Koh Kok Heng, 53, a permanent resident and director of JMS Construction	38 University Walk	Fell 4.7m through opening in the floor while overseeing construction work at a semi-detached house.
Feb 16	Singaporean man, 52, self-employed	East Special Purposes Anchorage	Fell into the sea while climbing down the ladder of a vessel to board a smaller boat. He was rescued but later died.
Feb 20	Bangladeshi forklift operator, 23, employed by Lum Chang Building Contractors	1A Havelock Square	Crushed by the forklift he was operating after it reversed into a pit and toppled.
Feb 21	Indian national, 27, employed by Sharp Engineering & Construction	14 Penjuru Road	Trapped between two shipping containers after one of them shifted as he was walking along a path between them.
Feb 24	Two Bangladeshi nationals aged 23 and 29, and an Indian site supervisor, 38, employed by Stars Engrg	32E Tuas Avenue 11	Burned by an explosion caused by the accumulation of combustible dust in a confined environment. Seven others were injured.
Feb 27	Bangladeshi worker, 29, employed by Decor Engineering	450 North Bridge Road	The lift on top of which he was carrying out repair works ascended, trapping him against its guide rail structure.
March 23	Singaporean delivery rider, 42, self-employed	T-junction of Tampines Road and Hougang Avenue 1	Hit by a car while riding a power-assisted bicycle, died in hospital.
April 5	Singaporean mover, 23, employed by Apex Worldwide Movers & Services	5 Rodyk Street	Fell from a ladder and over the parapet of a 10th-floor condominium unit, landing on the third floor.
April 22	Bangladeshi national, 37, employed by Right Construction	Ubi Road 3 worksite	Struck by a part of an excavator that fell off, died in hospital.

