



SAFETY ALERT

A very serious accident occurred recently on Palm Jumeirah when a section of wall fell from the first storey slab onto a laborer working on the ground floor. The worker was seriously injured and was evacuated to hospital.

Investigation by EHS identified that the failure was due to the wall being free standing. High winds may have been a factor although it is more likely that a person leant on the wall causing the collapse.

All contractors must take note of the following points and immediately review their operations involving free standing walls and structures that have no anchorage system or supports.

The following must be adhered to:-

- ➔ *The design of free standing walls should be reviewed.*
- ➔ *Free standing walls should be anchored by Rebar or dowel.*
- ➔ *Toe boards should be used on all edges, this will help stop materials falling from height*
- ➔ *Two tier working should not take place until all risks have been eliminated or single tier work only is carried out.*
- ➔ *Contractors are responsible for the safety of their employees. Weather conditions vary on the Palm. If weather conditions are endangering the safety of the employees on your site it is the responsibility of the contractor in the first instance to carry out a risk assessment.*

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