

Construction Safety Guidelines No. 23

Rubbish Chutes

		
<p>SELECTION & LOCATION</p>	<p>MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>ANCHORAGE WITH BUILDING & USE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chute must be proprietary design & be installed to the manufacturers instructions. Locate chute in the area where it does not possess any obstruction or danger to others. Do not drop material to any point outside the building. "Homemade" site fabricated chutes should not be used as their strength & performance is unknown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worn out parts of chutes must be removed and/or replaced immediately. Carry out weekly inspection of chutes. Maintain chutes in good working condition. Maintain a written procedure for overcoming possible blockage of chute. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the chute is securely fixed to the permanent structure of the building. All material chutes must be entirely closed. Area around the discharge end of the chute must be barricaded.
		
<p>OPENINGS IN CHUTES</p>	<p>GENERAL USE PROCEDURE</p>	<p>DISPLAY OF NOTICES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All material chutes shall be entirely enclosed except for opening equipped with enclosures at floor level. Area around the chute must be protected with toe boards. Guardrails must be fitted either side of chute to prevent fall of persons. Provide substantial gate installed in each chute at all floor levels. When operations are not in process the area surrounding discharge end of a chute shall be securely closed off. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers must be instructed in the maximum size of material to be placed in the chute. If wheel barrows are used to tip rubbish a timber block must be used to prevent overrun. If blockage is suspected use of chute must be stopped. A foreman should be appointed as a contact in case of problems with the chute. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display warning sign & notices in languages easily understood by workers. Notices shall be displayed on each floor of the building and also at the discharge end.