

Jardine's Lookout mechanic's wooden ladder fell and died. Workers' rights association: The industry rarely uses standard ladders and has property management locks that hinder its use | Yahoo



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[Yahoo News Report] A fatal industrial accident occurred in Jardine's Lookout, Happy Valley yesterday (20th). An air-conditioning technician accidentally fell from a 1.5-meter-high wooden ladder to the ground while working on the rooftop of a detached house and passed out. He was sent to the hospital and later died. The Industrial Injury Rights Association reminds that ladders are only used for ascending and descending. If you want to work off the ground or at high places, you should use a safe working platform to reduce occupational safety risks such as falling from heights. [Siu Sin-man](#), director-general of the Industrial Injury Rights Association, said that the Labor Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Council have been promoting the avoidance of using wooden ladders for many years, but the publicity and education are not extensive enough. In addition, ladders that meet the specifications are heavy and take up space, so they are rarely used in the public. She believes that if wooden ladders can be purchased everywhere, the industry cannot be encouraged to use ladder platforms, and she believes that banning their sale in the market should be considered.



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Xiao Sian-wen was interviewed by RTHK's "Millennium" this morning (21st). She reiterated that wooden ladders are not safe. The Labor Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Council have been promoting for many years not to use wooden ladders, herringbone ladders, and straight ladders. They must use them correctly. landing. According to the "Safety Overview of Working at Height" of the Labor Department, when working at a height less than 2 meters above the ground, a suitable working platform, including a ladder, must be used. The stairway has a platform for your feet to stand on, and there are guardrails. However, Xiao Qianwen pointed out that she noticed the situation in the industry. Ladders are only used in large-scale construction sites, but wooden ladders or aluminum ladders are still used in small-scale decoration and maintenance. She pointed out that wooden ladders are more convenient, relatively simple to transport and store, and can be used in narrow places. However, the ladder platform is heavy, wide when opened, and takes up space, so it is rarely used in the market.

Xiao Qianwen believes that in the face of the situation of use in the industry, if we want to take a tough approach and avoid related industrial accidents, we must ban the sale of wooden ladders in the market. If wooden ladders can be bought everywhere, the use of ladder platforms cannot be encouraged. She also noticed that some property management companies only arranged two ladders in a housing estate, which was difficult to transport. They even locked them frequently because each ladder cost about NT\$2,000. She believed that these actions did not encourage workers to use them. She believes that even if there are strict documents or procedures, safety cannot be achieved if the front line does not follow them. She believes that the authorities are ineffective in publicity and education.