

27 November 2025

To : All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers
Registered Inspectors

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Use of Fire Retardant Protective Net/Screen/Tarpaulin/Plastic Sheeting on
Facade of Buildings under Construction, Demolition, Alteration and Addition,
Repair or Minor Works**

On 26 November 2025, a No. 5 alarm fire involving bamboo scaffolds and protective nets broke out at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po during repair works, resulting in multiple fatalities.

2. The Buildings Department (BD) issued today a Circular Letter to all registered contractors requiring the submission of reports to BD, to certify that the protective nets, screens, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting installed at the facade of buildings at their sites comply with the recognised standards¹ and are in good condition, within 7 days from the date of the letter, i.e. **on or before 4 December 2025 (See Appendix)**.
3. To safeguard public safety, I call on you to take prompt actions to ensure that the protective nets, screens, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting installed at the facades of buildings with works under your supervision (including any sites under construction, demolition, alteration and addition, repair and minor works) possess the appropriate fire-retardant properties in compliance with the recognised standards, and to urge the contractors of building works under your charge to submit the required reports to BD by the abovementioned date.

4. You are reminded of your duties and responsibilities under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) to ensure that the building works under your charge are in compliance with the provisions of the BO and that all building works are carried out in a safe manner.

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¹ Circular Letter dated 21 October 2025 (https://www.bd.gov.hk/doc/en/resources/codes-and-references/practice-notes-and-circular-letters/circular/2025/CL_UFRPNSTPSFBCDRMW2025e.pdf) is relevant.

5. BD will conduct audit checks on the fire-retardant properties of the protective nets, screens, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting, and will take appropriate action against any contraventions/non-conformities in accordance with the provisions of the BO.

Yours faithfully,



(PANG Yuk-lung, Michael)
Assistant Director/Corporate Services
for Director of Buildings

c.c. The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
All Registered General Building Contractors
Registered Specialist Contractors
Registered Minor Works Contractors



Appendix

YOUR REF 來函檔號 :
OUR REF 本署檔號 : BD GR/1-50/97
FAX 圖文傳真 : 2523 9380
TEL 電話 : 3842 3052
WEBSITE 網址 : www.bd.gov.hk

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Registered Specialist Contractors
Registered Minor Works Contractors

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2. To safeguard public safety, you are required to review the fire retardant properties of the protective nets, screens, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting installed at the facades of buildings with works under your charge (including any sites under construction, demolition, alteration and addition, repair or minor works), and submit a report to the Buildings Department (BD), together with the relevant certificates, test reports or assessment reports by accredited laboratories, to certify that they comply with the recognised standards¹ of fire retardant properties and are in good condition.

3. Each project should be submitted with one report, clearly indicating the site address, description of works and BD file reference number, if any. You are required to submit the report **by hand** to the receipt counter of the BD Headquarters at *G/F, North Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon*, or by **email** to the designated email address *[frm_submission@bd.gov.hk]* **within 7 days** from the date of this letter, i.e. **on or before 4 December 2025**.

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