

Metal Refuse Chutes at Construction Sites

Temporary refuse chutes, assembled from old metal barrels, have been in common use at building construction sites.

2. Such installations at the external parts of buildings under construction are not satisfactory. The chutes can be a **noise nuisance** to residents in the neighbourhood. In particular, they are **not safe**. They are subject to the effects of weather and the constant impact of building debris. These conditions could affect the stability of the installations.
3. In the event of collapse, these metal chutes pose a hazard not only to the workers on site, but also to any passers-by.
4. You are requested to adopt other safer means of lowering and removing building debris at construction sites. Where refuse chutes are used, you should ensure that they are properly assembled, secured and installed. You should consider using chutes made of other materials of sufficient strength and installing them in internal areas of the site, so as to reduce the noise level.
5. A similar practice note has been issued to authorized persons and registered structural engineers.

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