



## **Media Release**

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### **Reporting Unsafe Work**

The Occupational Health and Safety Authority would like to once again voice its concern about members of the public sending photos of unsafe work practices to the media without informing OHSA.

A case in point happened this morning when a ‘concerned citizen’ sent such photos to a local newspaper, The Times, hoping that “action would be taken by the Occupational Health and Safety Authority before not too late”. At no point did this reader deem it fit to actually inform the OHSA.

It was only through sheer coincidence that OHSA became aware of this online report. In view of the delay between the photos appearing online and the OHS Officers reaching the site, roughly at about 10.15 am, the ceiling had already been dismantled. The officers have however taken enforcement actions as necessary.

“It is deplorable that someone was so “concerned” that rather than contacting the OHSA and informing us accordingly about the situation, he felt it more “useful” to contact the media. This resulted in a situation whereby a worker continued to be exposed to danger unnecessarily. This is totally unacceptable in this day and age. Had this person informed us immediately, we would have stopped the unsafe work before it was actually finished,” said Dr Mark Gauci, the OHSA’s CEO.

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