

KOSHA's Special Inspection on Workplaces to Prepare for Heavy Rains

KOSHA ordered thorough management on heavy rain factors such as collapse and flood at construction sites

- The Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'the agency' or 'KOSHA', President AHN, Jong-ju), a sub-organization of the Ministry of Employment and Labor, visited the construction site at Ok-dong, Nam-gu of Ulsan city on Wednesday, July 19, to check on risk factors due to heavy rains. This time, the agency focused on checking certain risk factors during the monsoon season including heavy-rain-induced sinkholes and the collapse of structures, electric shock due to flood, and strong winds.
- The monsoon season increases the risks of accidents such as flooding, burying and collapsing due to heavy rains. Therefore, construction sites need to conduct safety checks and maintenance for drainage facilities. There should be other added safety measures including restrictions on entering areas with concerns of collapse (e.g. retaining wall), more plastic covers on drilled surfaces and slopes, and the establishment of emergency evacuation plans.
- During this monsoon season, the agency plans to check on safety measures (e.g. electric shock, strong winds) by reviewing risk factors at the sites. The agency, along with the Ministry of Employment, will declare the 'Special Response Period Against Heavy Rain and Heat Wave' until the end of August for disaster prevention.

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- President AHN of the agency check the risk factors and safety measures to prepare for heavy rains at construction sites in the Ulsan area and said, "Due to climate change, we face (ex.) seasonal risk factors that are different from the past that we need to be mindful of. We also need to see whether safety measures at the sites work properly." He also added, "As we expect more rain until the end of August, workplaces need to have certain plans to prevent accidents due to heavy rain."

