

Lam Thye: Keep construction sites clean

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KUALA LUMPUR: Employers, especially those in the construction business, should ensure the cleanliness of their workplaces to avoid the spread of dengue.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said any containers that could collect water should be kept empty to avoid mosquito breeding.

"There is a lot of construction going on, especially in the Klang Valley. These places have a high risk of being mosquito-breeding grounds. So, employers should keep their compound clean to avoid cases of dengue in their workplaces."

He said the safety and health committee of every organisation should make cleanliness part of their standard operation procedure.

Lee said the authorities -- especially local councils, developers, employers, residents associations and residents -- should make an effort to avoid dengue from becoming an epidemic.

"Residents are the first line of defence.

"They have to make an effort to keep their houses clean.

"They have to identify possible breeding grounds and clean them up."

He said residents associations, too, should organise more gotong-royong activities in their neighbourhood.

"Fogging should be intensified. However, residents should realise that fogging is not enough.

"It is essential to begin prevention in one's compound."