



Work Safety Alert **Fall from Tail Lift of Lorry**

- 1. Date of Accident:** June 2025
- 2. Place of Accident:** A food factory
- 3. Summary:**

While a worker was loading pallets back into the compartment of a lorry using an electric pallet jack on an elevated tail lift platform, he fell from the platform to the ground. The worker sustained head injuries and passed away on the same day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Lorry Owners/ Employers:

To prevent any workers engaged in the loading/ unloading/ handling of goods on a lorry from falling from height, the lorry owners/ employers should provide and maintain the following precautionary measures:

- providing suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from any place of work on the lorry and ensuring the proper use of the access and egress by workers;
- ensuring that adequate safety precautions have been taken to prevent workers from falling from height, such as providing each worker with and ensuring the use of an effective fall protective system;
- affixing prominent warning tape at appropriate positions to alert workers of the falling hazards;
- setting up and implementing a safe system of work with an effective monitoring and control system for the use of tail lift; and
- providing all workers involved with necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and relevant safety measures.



5. Reference¹:

- [Guidance Notes on Prevention of Trapping Hazard of Tail Lifts](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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