



Work Safety Alert **Fall from Working Platform**

- 1. Date of Accident :** July 2026
- 2. Place of Accident :** An aircraft maintenance workshop
- 3. Summary :**

While working on the working platform of an aircraft docking system in an aircraft hangar, a mechanic fell about 5 metres to the ground through a void on the platform and sustained a serious head injury. He was rushed to hospital in an unconscious state and passed away later that day.

4. Work Safety Alert for Proprietors / Employers :

To prevent any workers from falling from height while engaging in aircraft maintenance work, proprietors/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work, including but not limited to the following precautionary measures:

- ensuring the proper construction and use of suitable working platforms for the aircraft maintenance work that cannot be safely done on or from the ground or from a permanent structure;
- ensuring that every platform or opening that could pose a danger to the safety of persons within a workplace is (i) securely fenced to a height of 900mm above the upper surface of the platform or the edge of the opening; and (ii) provided with suitable toe-boards or other similar barriers with a height of not less than 200mm;
- ensuring that all unprotected edges, openings or void spaces are properly fenced off or covered;
- providing and maintaining suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;



- setting up and implementing an effective monitoring and control system for aircraft maintenance work with due regard to work at height safety; and
- providing all workers involved with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the relevant safe work procedures and safety measures.

5. Reference¹ :

- [Overview of Work-at-Height Safety](#)
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training](#)

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