



Work Safety Alert **Fallen from Tail Lift of a Truck**

1. Date of Accident : November 2023

2. Place of Accident : A Food Factory

3. Summary :

While a male worker was operating a pallet jack on a tail lift platform of a truck, he fell onto the ground below. He sustained head injury and passed away 14 days later.

4. Work Safety Alert for Truck Owners/ Employers :

To prevent workers/ employees engaged in loading/ unloading/ handling of goods on a truck from falling from height, the truck owners/ employers should provide and maintain a safe system of work which should include, but not limited to, the following:

- appointing a competent person to conduct a task-specific risk assessment to identify all potential hazards associated with the process of loading/ unloading/ handling of goods, taking into account the nature of work and the working environment, particularly those places where the workers/ employees may work or stay and from which they are liable to fall from height;
- formulating safe work methods and procedures for the work with due consideration to the results of the risk assessments, the size and shape of the goods and the working environment on the truck compartment;
- providing suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from any place of work on the truck and ensuring the proper use of the access and egress by workers/ employees;



- ensuring that adequate safety precautions have been taken to prevent workers/ employees from falling from height, such as providing each worker/ employee with and ensuring the use of an effective fall arresting system;
- affixing prominent warning tape at appropriate position to alert workers/ employees of the falling hazards;
- providing all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensuring that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures; and
- establishing and implementing an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

5. Reference :

- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment](#)¹
- [Safe Systems of Work](#)¹
- [Guidance Notes on Prevention of Trapping Hazard of Tail Lifts](#)¹

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