



## Work Safety Alert Fallen from a Mobile Platform Ladder

1. **Date of Accident :** October 2022
2. **Place of Accident :** Open area of a depot
3. **Summary :**

A director of a company while walking up to the platform of a mobile platform ladder to cover the top of a container truck at a depot, fell onto the ground. He sustained head injury and passed away on the following day.

### 4. **Work Safety Alert for Proprietors/ Employers :**

To prevent any workers/ employees from falling from height when doing work-above-ground, the proprietors/ employers responsible for the work should:

- appoint a competent person to conduct task-specific risk assessments to identify all potential hazards associated with the work, taking into account the nature of the work and the working environment, particularly those related to work-above-ground;
- formulate safe work methods and procedures for the work with due regard to the results of the risk assessments, and follow the requirements of safety legislation, recognised safety standards and guidelines;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- avoid work-above-ground where possible by, for example, designing and using specific tools and equipment to allow the work to be done on the ground;
- if work-above-ground cannot be avoided, provide and ensure the use of suitable working platforms or other safe means of support by workers/ employees who are required to work above ground;



- for light-duty work to be carried out in work environment where a suitable working platform or other safe means of support cannot be erected (for example, restrictive work space), provide and ensure the use of suitable elevating work platforms, step platforms or hop-up platforms which conform to international or national standards with the compliance of relevant statutory safety requirements;
- provide all workers/ employees concerned with the necessary safety information, instruction and training, and ensure that they are familiar with the safe work procedures and safety measures; and
- establish and implement an effective monitoring and control system to ensure all safety measures are strictly followed.

## 5. Reference :

- [Safe Systems of Work<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Five Steps to Risk Assessment<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Five Steps to Information, Instruction and Training<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height<sup>1</sup>](#)

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