



## Work Safety Alert Fall from a Mobile Ladder Platform

1. **Date of Accident :** June 2017
2. **Place of Accident :** On the airport apron
3. **Summary :**

An engineer while repairing an engine of an aircraft on a mobile ladder platform fell about 2.6 metres to 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 while working above ground, the proprietors/ employers 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 work and the work environment, particularly those related to working above ground;
- make reference to the results of the risk assessments to formulate safe work methods and procedures for the repair work, which should comply with the requirements of relevant codes of practice and guidelines;
- provide and maintain suitable and adequate safe means of access to and egress from every place of work;
- provide and ensure the proper use of suitable working platforms or elevating work platforms, where appropriate, if the work is required to be carried out above ground;
- ensure that every side of working platforms/ landings from which workers/ persons are liable to fall are properly fenced;



- certify the working platform in good working condition according to the safety checklist provided by the supplier or other equivalent safety checklist before putting the working platform into use;
- provide each worker/ employee involved in the work with a suitable safety helmet equipped with a chin strap and ensure the proper wearing of the same by the worker/ employee throughout the work;
- 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>](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Safe Use of Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [Guidance Notes on Classification and Use of Safety Belts and their Anchorage Systems<sup>1</sup>](#)
- [A Casebook of Fatal Accidents related to Work-at-height<sup>1</sup>](#)

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