

Driver Fall from Height – Serious Injury

What Happened:

Driver was attempting to close sliding roof after off loading, the roof became stuck and the driver climbed onto the top safety guard rail of the safety platform. He was instructed by site staff several times to cease and return to the correct working level but disregarded all instructions. After attempting to free up the sliding roof a 3rd time the driver slipped and fell off the guard rail onto the platform ladders and eventually the ground injuring his knee. Driver could not continue with his normal duties and was returned home to rest his injuries.



Driver stood on top guard rail



2.5 metres Fall - Hard landing

Findings:

- Roof jammed on closing causing driver to try free up.
- Driver misused platform provided.
- Driver did not follow training or company procedures.
- Driver did not have his own roof pole.
- Driver disregarded site personnel.
- Driver was wearing PPE.

Actions:

- ✓ All Hauliers to review their own procedures and ensure their Drivers are competent in Sliding Roof operations.
- ✓ At this Location **All** sliding roof operations to be carried out from the **Ground ONLY**.
- ✓ **Communicate ALL issues with site staff, a local solution may exist.**
- ✓ **ALL P&O SAFE WORKING PROCEDURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE – www.poferrymasters.com**
- ✓ Review length of Roof Poles issued (longer poles allow operation from the ground).
- ✓ Implement process for checking and lubricating roofs.
- ✓ Report any defects and never use unsafe equipment.
- ✓ **PROACTIVE INCREASES IN CHECKS AND DEFECT REPORTING WILL REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR THESE TYPES OF ACCIDENTS!**