

Driver Fall from Height

What Happened:

End of 2022 and beginning of 2023 we have seen several fall related incidents involving drivers falling from their units resulting in serious Lost Time Injuries (Fractures).



Findings:

There were different incident causes, such as;

- Driver working next to an exposed edge
- Unappropriated Equipment used.
- Safe Work Procedures (SWL) have not been followed
- Facilities (Mobile steps) provided by customers were not used

Recommendations:

- ✓ All work at height is avoided, when reasonably practicable to do so, Always work from the ground where possible.
- ✓ Enter trailers from rear ladders only if access to the trailer bed is needed and carry out personal Risk Assessment and follow SWP's.
- ✓ Never work close to the edge of an open-sided trailer.
- ✓ Appropriate work equipment has been selected and used appropriate, ensure footwear is clean and dry before entering the trailer bed.
- ✓ Follow the safety instructions for the site and area, ask site staff if unsure of the procedures.
- ✓ Walking while facing the direction of travel

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