



TRUCK / UTE UNLOADING ON SITE

What is the problem?

Drivers are frequently required to work from heights on our site – unloading steel, pipes, equipment etc. The design of the vehicle, the type of load transported, the collection and delivery points can all lead to the driver having to access the tray or trailer frequently.

What are the risks?

The risk of falling from a height increases when:

- loading or unloading goods
- arranging and restraining loads
- working at night, in wet or windy conditions, or on uneven surfaces.

One in 10 injuries are caused by falling from the cabin or the back of the truck.

What is a solution to the problem?

Several businesses may be involved in loading and unloading freight on our site, such as:

- the transport operator
- Shoalhaven Starches - operating the workplace where freight is being loaded/unloaded
- the business(es) controlling mobile plant on our site.

Under the workplace health and safety laws, each business shares responsibility for the health and safety of those involved in the work. Everyone must work together to ensure the risks associated with falls from a height are eliminated, or if this not possible, minimised.

Working at ground level

- Review all tasks that are performed at height and consider ways to perform it at ground level, or from a solid platform – we have installed these in some parts of the plant already (north packing, papermill projects store etc)
- Where possible, configure loads so there is no need to access the tray or trailer. Use a crane and slings, for example, to take the load from the trailer to the unloading site.
- Many vehicles have been designed or modified so that drivers do not work at heights.

Fall protection

- If the task cannot be done on the ground or from a solid platform, consider a fall protection device such as a temporary work platform or guard rail.
- Guard rails fitted to vehicles, and designed to fold flat until needed. Alternatively, removable or deployable options are available on the market.

From the 10th January 2023, workers and subcontractors must not access the back of vehicles or trailers unless suitable controls are in place on any Manildra /Shoalhaven Starches Site.

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