



Safety Bulletin 126

Safety alert – working at height fatality

A fatal accident has occurred on a site recently, when an operative was repairing a transformer. He was standing on the limit of an A-frame ladder (see picture below) when he fell and hit his head on the edge of a bund wall. He died in hospital as a result of his injuries.





Details of the accident are limited however it is clear that selecting more suitable access equipment, such as podium steps or zip-up scaffolding may have prevented this tragedy. Site Managers and Safety Officers are reminded that working at height continues to be the main cause of fatal accidents in your sector. Your continued effort to manage this aspect of our activities will ensure similar accidents on our sites are prevented.

Points to remember:-

- ✚ Avoid working at height where possible
- ✚ Ensure all work at height is properly planned and organised
- ✚ Assess the risks associated with working at height
- ✚ Ensure those working at height are trained and competent
- ✚ Select the right access equipment for the task
- ✚ Inspect and maintain access equipment
- ✚ Use fall arrest, fall restraint, safety nets, crash decks as appropriate

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