

SAFETY ALERT

Accessing Trucks

"Sharing incident learnings across the grain industry"



"A vision of Zero Harm across the grain industry supply chain"

Recently there was a truck driver fatality at a grain storage facility in South America. The driver had climbed onto the front of his trailer and was in the process of covering the truck's trailer with a tarpaulin, when he fell a short distance to the ground and suffered a head injury and died.

Accessing trucks should be minimised and only undertaken where there is a planned safe method to undertake the task including the below points.

Entering and exiting the cabin

- always maintain three points of contact and face the cabin at all times
- maintain a balanced posture when entering / exiting
- place hands on rails
- where possible install non slip surfaces on steps

Loading / unloading / arranging or restraining loads

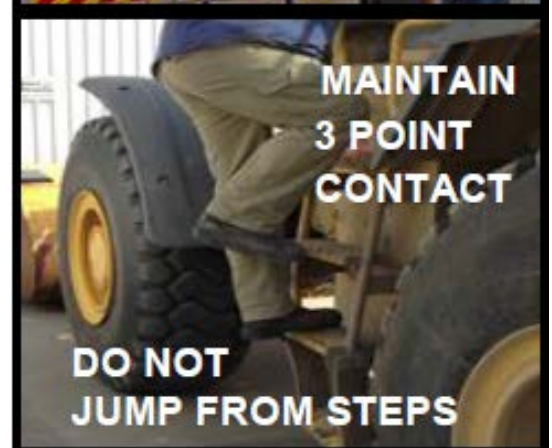
- you are required to work at ground level or on a fixed platform that is fit for purpose
- no one should be standing on trucks while they are being loaded

Tarping or un-tarping

- this must be undertaken from ground level or on a fixed platform that is fit for purpose;

Working in adverse conditions

- you should try to park vehicles in areas that are well lit, on a flat surface, and do not present a risk to other traffic movements



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