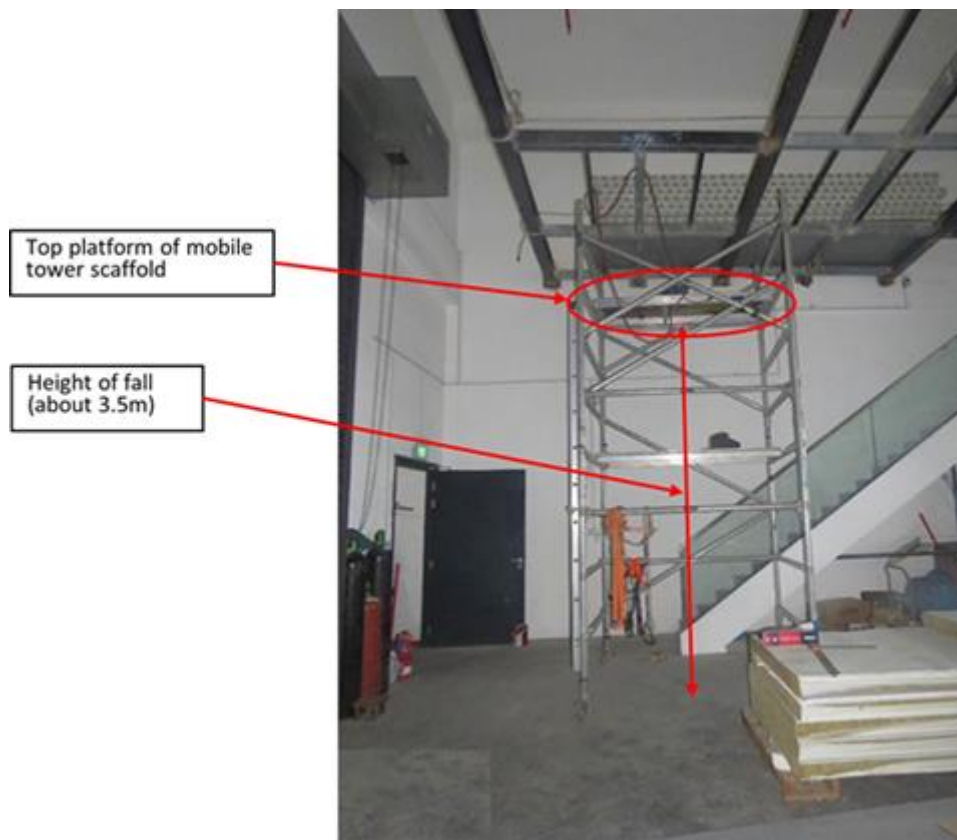


Worker fell from mobile tower scaffold

On 13 July 2021, a worker was standing on the top platform of a mobile tower scaffold around 3.5m high. He fell off the platform when he started welding work. There was no guard rails at the top of the work platform. The worker was conveyed to the hospital where he subsequently succumbed to his injuries.



Overview of the accident scene.

Recommendations

Such accidents can be prevented with the following measures:

- Provide guard rails and toe-boards on every side of a scaffold work platform more than 2m high.
- Allow only trained and authorised scaffold erectors to construct, reposition, repair or dismantle a scaffold. Employers must ensure that workers know the need for guard rails, toe-boards, and work platforms to render the work safe.
- Lock the castor wheels of the mobile tower scaffold before its use to prevent movement.

* Information on the accident is based on preliminary investigations by the Ministry of Manpower as at 4 August 2021. This may be subject to change as investigations are still on-going. Please also note that the recommendations provided here are not exhaustive and they are meant to enhance workplace safety and health so that a recurrence may be prevented. The information and recommendations provided are not to be construed as implying liability on any party nor should it be taken to encapsulate all the responsibilities and obligations under the law.

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