

Worker fell off elevating platform

On 13 August 2021, a worker was pulling a hand trolley backwards in a loading bay when he fell off the open side of an elevating platform next to a ramp. He may have mistakenly entered the elevating platform instead of the ramp. He was conveyed to the hospital where he passed away the following day.



Overview of accident scene.

Recommendations

Such accidents can be prevented with the following measures:

- Employers to brief workers (especially new and temporary workers) on the hazards in the workplace (e.g. open sides in the loading bay), safe work procedures, and other risk controls that are in place before allowing the work to begin.
- Install warning signs or bright warning tape/labels at the open sides of elevating platforms to make fall hazards clearly visible.
- If workers must move backwards while moving goods, they should frequently check behind them for trip and fall hazards.

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