

Falls from height



Common hazards

- Aircraft holds, flatbed vehicles, conveyor belts, catering vehicles and maintenance platforms
- Passenger steps not correctly positioned
- Unexpected movement by air bridge
- Aircraft engineering or maintenance

Consequences

- Substantial costs to an employer through lost time, sickness absence, retraining and overtime cover
- Injured person may struggle to perform their job correctly and there may be an impact on their lifestyle and future prospects

Suggested controls

- Fit equipment with guard rails to all sides, where practicable
- Put in place safe systems of work when positioning passenger steps and air bridges against aircraft
- Establish the maximum permitted wind speed for the use of equipment
- Use chains and barriers across passenger steps and air bridges to restrict accidental or unauthorised access
- Use fall restraint or fall arrest equipment when engineering controls can't be used



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