

SAFETY ALERT



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Number:	SA0005
Subject:	Fall from Height – Ladder Incident
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Incident: (Brief facts only, do not include company name or location, insert picture if available)

- Contractor had climbed up the ladder without checking to see if the extension lock was safely engaged, and had begun to step onto the roof with his right foot when the ladder extension lock suddenly disengaged causing the extension to slide down several rungs toward the ground with the worker still holding on to it. The worker lost his balance and fell 3.5m to the bare ground.



Key Lessons: (maximum of 3)

- Need for contractors' daily toolbox meetings to reinforce good and safe work behaviours & practices.
- Need to conduct regular site safety audits by both contractors and employees.
- Need to raise understanding by all concerned on safety procedures related to working at height.

Recommendations: (maximum of 3)

- Workers reinducted on working at height safety, including the proper use of ladders.
- More safety auditing of people working at heights.

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