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## Accessing Truck Platforms

### Incident

Recently, one of our workers fell from a truck platform as he was about to descend the access stairwell on a work vehicle. He suffered a fractured lower arm that required surgery and plating.

The stairs (pictured on left) did not have non slip edging or hand rails fitted.



In order to avoid these injuries, it is important to understand the 3-points of contact rule. Stated quite simply, always keep three points of contact whilst entering/exiting & climbing stairwells. Handrails are required to be in place to enable you to have 3 points of contact.

Everyone is asked to check your vehicles with stairwells for:

- Non slip steps in good condition
- A handrail is installed that can be used whilst accessing the stairwell

Immediately report any deficiencies to your Manager.

### For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (eg via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the safety alert has been distributed and discussed.
3. If you have any safety concerns please speak directly to your supervisor.

### Further information

All safety alerts issued can be [found here](#).