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Dear Port Users

**MOM WSH Alert –**

**Two workers died after falling from ladders**

1. In our continuous effort to ensure safe operations in Jurong Port, we have attached the WSH Alert for your perusal.
2. Kindly also disseminate the said information to your respective contractors/service providers.
3. If you need more clarifications, please contact SHE duty officer at 6660 9552 or email: [jpfss@jp.com.sg](mailto:jpfss@jp.com.sg).

Thank you.

Regards,

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# WSH BULLETIN

## WSH Alert

### Two workers died after falling from ladders

Last year, two workers died after falling off ladders. In the first case, the worker was standing on an A-frame ladder to install conduit pipes for the fire alarm in a building while in the second, the worker was standing on a similar A-frame ladder to pull some cables for subsequent CCTV installation at a multi-storey car park.



Figure 1: The workers were working on the A-Frame ladders when they lost their balance and landed on the concrete floor

### Recommendations\*

Industry stakeholders undertaking similar work activities are advised to consider the following to prevent a recurrence:

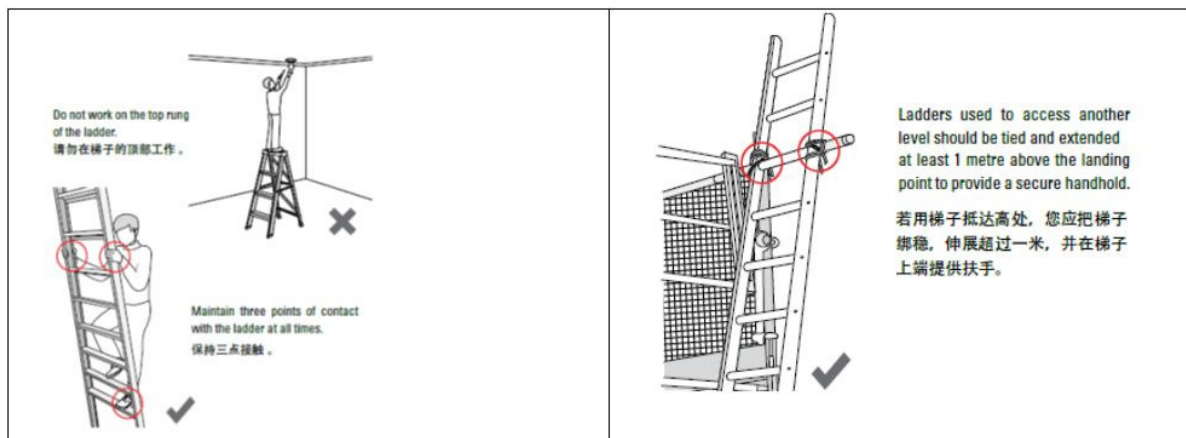
1. Always conduct a thorough Risk Assessment before starting any work. Site-specific hazards are to be identified and control measures put in place to reduce all risks associated with the work activity. In this case, the risk of workers falling from height during installation activities must be identified and safety measures established and implemented before allowing the work at height to commence.
2. Ensure safe means of access and egress and that worker do not overreach and fall. Suitable and proper work platform with secure handhold and foothold such as step ladder with platform (see Figure 11.2 below which is extracted from the Code of Practice for Working at Heights) or tower scaffold with safety barricade should be provided to allow workers to work safely for a longer duration.

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3. Ensure that each worker deployed to work at height (WAH) has received adequate safety and health training and is familiar with the (i) hazards of working at height, and (ii) precautions to be taken.
4. Provide adequate supervision by a competent person for all WAH activities to ensure that workers adhere to the safe work procedures at all times.
5. Use ladders safely as falls from ladders can lead to deaths. Good practices on when not to use ladders and how to use ladders safely can be found in the Ladder Safety Pack published by WSH Council and MOM. Some examples extracted from the Ladder Safety Pack are shown below:



## Further Information

- Workplace Safety and Health Act (Chapter 354A), click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health (Risk Management) Regulations, click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health (Construction) Regulations 2007, click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health (Work at Heights) Regulations 2013, click [here](#).
- Approved Code of Practice on WSH Risk Management, click [here](#).
- Approved Code of Practice for Working Safely at Heights, click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health Kit for Working at Heights (WAH), click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health Ladder Safety Pack, click [here](#).
- Workplace Safety and Health Guidelines on Personal Protective Equipment for WAH, click [here](#).

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