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### **Work At Heights Safety**

1. Fall is a major cause for concern. In Singapore, workplace accidents involving falling from heights have been one of the top 3 contributors for workplace injuries since 2011.
2. In the port's environment, work on board vessels is high risk as it involves working at heights. High safety standards are essential and should not be compromised on account of the duration of work. Industry is reminded to look into the following to improve safety of their workplaces when working at height is necessary:
  - To review the Fall Prevention Plan and ensure that it is effectively implemented at site
  - To install effective barriers or covers for openings through which persons may fall from height. (working near edge of hatch coaming/cover)
  - Ensure that each worker deployed to work at height has received adequate safety and health training and is familiar with the following:
    - hazards of working at height,
    - precautions to be taken, and
    - safe and correct use of the travel restraint / fall arrest system.
  - Provide adequate supervision by a competent person for all work at height activities to ensure that workers adhere to the safe work procedures at all times.
  - To review Risk Assessment for all work activities to manage any foreseeable risk that may arise in connection with working at heights.

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3. Jurong Port has stepped up enforcement operations and stern actions will be taken against those in breach of workplace safety and health regulations. The enforcement aims to uncover unsafe work practices focusing on work at height management. These enforcement operations will help us address the issue with the companies and ensure that companies rectify them before accidents happen.
4. Workplace safety and health is a journey without an end. We must stay vigilant at all times to ensure each and every one of us goes home safely to our loved ones at the end of each day. We shall not assume that small things don't matter as they can lead to bigger problems. Together, we can help to prevent another accident from happening, starting from our own workplaces.

Yours faithfully,

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