

Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Worker climbs on plant to clear blockage

Following a blockage on a conveyor, a worker was required to climb up onto the plant to clear the blockage.

The worker climbed up without using an appropriate working platform or any fall protection putting himself at risk of falling from the plant.

While no-one was injured, the near miss highlights the need to ensure workers are protected from what seems to them to be a simple task.



[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm, over the past 8 years show 15% of incidents (1,138 incidents) involve falls, of which 452 involved fall of a person.

You need to ensure that:

1. When installing plant, suitable safe access is available for maintenance, including to clear material blockages.
2. Any blockages are investigated to identify and rectify the root cause of the blockage.
3. Workers are trained and assessed as competent in all maintenance activities, including access to and egress from plant.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.