

INCIDENT	Truck Driver fall from height
SUBJECT	Working in isolation at height
INCIDENT DATE	12-08-2019
BUSINESS UNIT	Humes – Hastings Manufacturing

WHAT HAPPENED?

At about 13:30 Monday afternoon, a truck driver (external freight provider) at the Humes Hastings manufacturing site was on the deck of his truck tightening a ratchet, when the ratchet handle gave way. As a result, he lost his balance, and fell off the rear of the truck.

The driver fell down, landing fully on his right arm, which broke his wrist, and forced his arm in such a way, that it cracked his ribs, with one of the ribs puncturing his lung.

He was taken to hospital, where he underwent surgery on his wrist.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OF US (pre-investigation)

Always adhere to the Golden Rules and work Safely at Height:

- Ratchet ties should always be positioned to be fastened and released from the ground.
- If you have to climb to height, how are you preventing yourself from falling?

Always ensure those working alone have the support they need:

- No one should be working alone when undertaking high risk work.
- Do you have processes to check in on people who are working alone?



Location driver was standing, and ratchet he

was tightening

Location where driver was lying after he fell (re-enactment)

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