COMMON PRACTICE GUIDANCE SHEET NO 2
Safe Loading/unloading Lorries

Where possible eliminate the need to work at height to load / unload lorries by using fork lifts or MEWP's operated by competent persons or if possible have the loads pre-slung.

Air bags placed around the lorry trailer will prevent persons from falling /and will provide a safe place of work. Safe access as example shown should also be available.

Here are a few more examples of the types of edge protection when installed correctly can prevent people falling.

If access is required onto the back of the lorry to be loaded or unloaded, steps must be taken to prevent them from falling such as a running line to which a person wearing a safety harness can be attached.

The safe loading/unloading of lorries / vehicles brings with the possible fall from height therefore suitable steps must be taken to prevent this. It is essential that people undertaking this work can access the workplace in a safe manner and apply a safe system of work. Obviously if loading or unloading can be without the need to access the back of a lorry all the better. Here are a few examples of how protection to prevent falling from lorries can be applied.

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