



Near Miss!



Date: November 30, 2020

Activity: "Alternative" Ladders and Step Stools

What Happened:

A worker stands on a chair to reach some items on a shelf that are out of reach from ground level. The chair swivels and the worker jumps down. The worker steps back up on the chair to retrieve the items. A colleague reports the near miss.

Corrective Actions:

The investigation following the report identifies that the items stored on the shelf are in regular use, and chairs and other makeshift items are often stood on to reach them. Storage is rearranged to bring regularly used items within reach of floor level to reduce work at height, and safer access equipment is provided for those items out of reach.

What Happened:

A painter, in a hurry to spray a soffit and with no scaffolding or step stool nearby, arranges three buckets on top of one another and stands on them to spray. A co-worker takes a quick photo and posts it on Instagram. Luckily, the only injury is to the painter's pride.

Corrective Actions:

The site is provided with a rolling scaffold section with locking wheels that can be positioned as needed.

What Happened:

A BR Hand stands on a chair to make a top bunk, instead of using the available step ladder.

Why it Happened:

The ladder is on the 2nd deck. He is on the 1st deck.

Typical Hazards:

- Fall from height
- Back strain/twisting

Corrective Actions:

Another ladder was provided for 2nd deck to avoid having to carry ladders up and down stairs.

