



PIPELINE INDUCTION HEAT

**We are all  
Responsible for Safety**

**STANLEY**  
Oil & Gas

## **Safety Alert – Work at Height Incident's**

An minor injury occurred recently when a PIH Technician fell from the bed of a vehicle trailer whilst starting the compressor. The Technician was taken to hospital as a precautionary measure and there were fortunately no injuries other than slight bruising and temporary loss of breath. The Technician returned to normal duties.

In another incident a PIH Technician was observed working unsafely on top of the pipe whilst trying to effect a repair to the induction coil. The task had not been assessed and there where no additional control measures in place.

As a reminder, work at height is defined as “if a person could fall a distance liable to cause injury” If this is the case then the task needs to be assessed and additional control measures to prevent a fall need to be in place.

### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- **Defined access points with 3 points of contact need to be clearly marked for accessing vehicle and trailer beds.**
- **Housekeeping should be well maintained on vehicle and trailer beds so the risk from slips trips and falls is reduced.**
- **Extra care and vigilance should be taken on vehicle and trailer beds during wet and freezing conditions.**
- **The requirement for working on open sided vehicle should be reduced as much as possible, were this is not possible suitable edge protection should be installed.**
- **Work at height should be adequately assessed, if it can not be avoided then suitable control measures must be implemented and communicated to the team involved.**
- **Further guidance can be obtained from the HSE Department.**

- ▶ **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CREATE A SAFER WORKPLACE?**
- ▶ **CAN YOU DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY?**
- ▶ **CAN YOU DO DIFFERENT THINGS?**
- ▶ **WILL YOU MAKE AND MEET COMMITMENTS TO SEEK OUT BEST PRACTICES AND PUT THEM TO USE?**

**GETTING THE JOB DONE SAFELY : EVERYWHERE ON EARTH**