FALL ACCIDENTS
Australia and New Zealand

Risk perception

- More than half of the fatalities due to falls from height involve a fall from 3 meters or less.
- The higher we are, the bigger our perception of fall risks becomes.

Falls from height compared to other worker fatalities

- 8% fall from height
- 11% falling objects
- 12% handle accidents
- 14% other causes

The construction industry accounts for one third of all fall-related fatalities.

Attitudes that lead to fatal falls

- “Are you sure about giving up? That’s not pleasant wearing proper fall protection?*

Main locations of fatal fall accidents

- Other 4%
- Scaffold 3%
- Fall from ladder 3%
- Fall from roof 2%
- Fall from floor 2%
- Fall on site 2%

Company costs due to fall accidents

The costs of falls from height in the construction sector in New Zealand is estimated to be $220 million a year, whereas in Australia, the estimated annual costs for those fall-related is around $2.7 billion and another $1.3 billion for hospital admissions.

Indirect costs

- Training replacement work
- Loss of company good will
- Personnel turnover of coworkers

Direct costs

- Worker or tenant compensation
- Medical costs
- Legal costs
- 400/400 fines

Injuries

- Hand 13%
- Upper body 61%
- Lower body 26%
- Other

Conclusion

Falls hazards take place in many workplaces such as in the construction industry. Falls do not happen everywhere, only from height. They can also occur at ground level, such as in holes and similar holes. It is still fall fatalities preventable. Equip your website with safety measures that we would not harm your workers. The next that all parties involved know about the hazards and what to do is preventable. If you ensure that controls are adequate, get advice from a consultant or regulatory authority.

More information about fall protection solutions and safe working at height: XSPlatforms can