# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Working at Heights – Flatbed Trucks

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### What is the issue?

Endeavour Energy (EE) is required to manage the risk of falls in the workplace. Working off a flatbed truck is one of these hazards we are required to manage.

Currently EE workers access flatbed vehicles at heights to do the following activities:

- undo slings and chains,
- untangle straps,
- securing and covering loads,
- sweeping the tray,
- accessing spill kits,
- stand on tray to improve vision whilst operating crane,
- connect crane to lifting points of loads

When doing these activities EE employees are at risk of falls.

EE has investigated options to reduce the risk associated with this work.

Where possible all employees should work from ground level.

A safe system promotes safe practices and meets requirements of third parties such as Ausconnex & Lendlease.

#### What are the changes?

The Fleet Standards Committee endorsed the implementation of trialling the Web Rail Fall Prevention system to flatbed trucks. A trial unit has been placed in operation out of Kings Park FSC.

The Web Rail system is easy to assemble and dissemble if required. It reduces significantly the risk of falling from one level to another when working from the flatbed truck.

The trial has been successful and feedback received was positive. The Fleet Standards Committee has endorsed the Web Rail system to be rolled out to all flatbed vehicles across the three regions.

#### What you need to do

FSC Operations Managers to contact Fleet Services to arrange the retro fitting of the Web Rail Fall Prevention system to the flatbed trucks assigned to them.

#### Contact

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#### **Related documents**

SafeWork NSW - Safety Alert Video – Fatal accident worker fell from flatbed truck

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w7EflsCfdg



Figure 1. Web Rail Fall Prevention system

