

# MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

ASK YOURSELF  
*"Could it happen here?"*

## DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

### Serious Near Miss – Fall Protection Success

A serious near miss when a truck driver fell and hung for 20 to 30 minutes before rescue prompted a company to install self-retracting fall protection systems at all of its truck tarping stations. In this incident a trucker fell and hung for 20 to 30 minutes before rescue.

Since that incident two serious near miss incidents took place at truck loading stations. In these cases, the trucker was safely lowered to the ground and was able to go home unhurt to their families.



## SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- In both of these incidents, the truck drivers went home to their families because the correct fall protection systems were in place.
- Perform a risk assessment on the truck loading fall protection systems to determine if there is a risk of workers not being able to self-rescue.

### Most Important Take Away:

Having the correct fall protection system in place can save lives and minimizes the risk to workers.

