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Working at heights in confined spaces

Many workplaces contain areas that are considered “confined spaces” because while they are not necessarily designed for people, they are large enough for workers to enter and perform certain jobs.
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Mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs)

MEWPs are designed to provide a safe work platform for temporary work at height. In relation to the fall protection hierarchy, they are work equipment that can prevent a fall.
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Scaffolding

Falls from height while performing scaffolding work generally occur when working without appropriate fall protection on the top scaffolding layer, at material transfer points or other exposed workplaces.
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Working at heights on overhead cranes

The steel industry utilises many cranes and lifters for its products, equipment, by-products, and raw materials. Working at heights represent a significant risk for workers involved in these activities.
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Roof work

All work on roofs is highly dangerous, even if the activity only takes a few minutes. Those carrying out the work should be trained, competent and instructed in use of the precautions required.
A common thread that emerges for the industrial facilities is that over a long period of time the structural integrity of these components deteriorates to the point of failure.
Transportation and logistics are an integral part of the activities in the steel industry. Working at heights is very common during these activities (e.g., setting up trailers, restraining loads, unloading trucks, accessing/egressing trucks, tarping, etc.).
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Rescue and recovery from a crane

The industrial facilities in the steel industry have different configurations and many of them are very difficult to access, rescue and recovery plans therefore are essential to keep workers safe.