

Bharti MS-Safety Alert

Fall from Height (Sep 2020)



What happened:

On 3rd September, Ericsson FME was working on 2nd floor RTT site in Banaras, India. FME Visited along with Rigger to attend the Customer complaint at RTT site. During inspection of GSM antenna, FME leg slipped and fell from 2nd Floor to First Floor as there was no Parapet wall/Barrier on the 2nd floor in one side of the roof and FME was not using any fall protection method near unprotected edge of the roof.

Findings:

- FME failure to undertake assessment of conditions when working on buildings and rooftops
- FME failure to carry out a constant assessment of safe work activity during the work
- Working at height without safety restraint
- Free climbing and ignore protection against falling from height
- No barrier/parapet at outside edge of the Tower

Consequences:

1. FME Hospitalized in near by Hospital Ford, First aid given/CT Scan Done and then moved to another Hospital Galaxy in Supervision of expert Neuro-Surgeon
2. He is much better now and is shifted in normal ward/out of risk/under normal medication & supervision of doctor

Approx. position of FME before fall



Approx. position of FME after fall



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Lessons Learned:

Risk assessment in any phase of contract and service delivery is extremely important. Ask help from local EHS SMEs for any questions.

If you are not sure about safety STOP THE WORK and ask help.

1. Never stand on fragile surface (e.g. breakable surface ,asbestos sheets, gypsum board or on sloping roof top.
2. Never work close to a roof edge (within 2 meters) without anchorage points and a harness to ensure the risk of a fall is eliminated.
3. Job Safety Analysis must include how to safely position, if working on the rooftop structure and away from the roof edge. ,
4. All RTT sites to be audited for Parapet wall availability and other safety measures
5. Communicate with your direct reports and contractors within your governance and meeting forums ensuring understanding of project and operational standards for OHS,
6. Make sure Safety Toolbox Talks are conducted, Hazard identification & risk mitigation is conducted BEFORE every activity on site / workplaces.
7. Communicate any high risk that could not be mitigated & share opportunities of improvement with your line manager and OHS SME, who shall support, as and when required.

Zero Tolerance Safety Rules:



Protect yourself
against falling from
height



Use correct
lifesaving PPE
whenever required

Ericsson has Zero Tolerance for inappropriate use of PPE.

Reinforce the Zero Tolerance Rules with employees and suppliers, the rules are designed for a reason, protecting lives.

Work at Heights permit requires hazard and risk assessment be done and work to be started only when all risks are mitigated.