



# LESSONS LEARNED / BEST PRACTICE

<b>Title:</b>	<b>2021-01 - Edge Protection on Pick-up Truck</b>
<b>What Happened / Impact?</b>	
<p>While loading pedestrian barriers onto a pick-up truck, the injured party moved back towards the side of the pick-up.</p> <p>He then lost his balance and fell backwards over the rail, landing on the ground, sustaining injuries to his back and shoulders.</p> <p>The photograph provided is for illustrative purposes.</p>	
<b>Why it Happened?</b>	
<p>Pick-up trucks provided by the Company are fitted with edge protection, as illustrated.</p> <p>On the day of the incident, a company vehicle was recalled for service and a replacement (hired) vehicle was used.</p> <p>The replacement vehicle did not have edge protection around the bed of the pick-up and thus did not provide fall protection.</p>	
<b>Immediate Learnings / Recommendations</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that the company's policies and procedures are adhered to when replacement vehicles are sourced externally.</li> <li>2. Contact all vehicle rental companies with whom the company contracts for the supply of temporary vehicles, advising of the requirement for edge protection where there is a risk of injury to the vehicle user.</li> <li>3. Ensure that all senior staff and supervisors are aware of the company's requirements for edge protection on vehicles where there is a risk of falls from height and that personnel should not proceed if the edge protection is not in place.</li> </ol>	