# Toolbox Talk 02. Access & Egress



## What?

- All workplaces should be designed to provide safe access and egress including emergency escape routes
- Access and egress should provide safe passageway to and from your place of work
- Your place of work is wherever you have to be to carry out your job
- It could be on a flat roof, on the side of a building or in a basement where safe access and egress needs to be provided



# Why

- Doors on access / egress routes should be easy to open
- Fire routes should be clearly marked and signed
- Poor access or egress can result in serious injury
- People slip, trip and fall when things are left in walkways
- Falls occur when employees use ladders for access which are not secured
- Injuries can occur when people and vehicles use the same access and egress routes



#### Do

- ✓ Use only recognised entry and exit points
- Keep roadways and passageways clear from obstructions
- Make sure all access routes have adequate lighting including emergency lights
- Place barriers and signs around obstructions or openings
- Report any unsafe routes
- Watch out for moving vehicles on access routes
- Ensure correct access equipment is selected when working at height

### Don't



- Obstruct fire or emergency doors
- Leave materials or equipment on walk ways or passageways
- Take shortcuts which result in using unsafe access routes
- Use unsafe access equipment when working at height
- Ignore warnings about moving vehicles and equipment



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