

## TAILGATE – LOOK BEFORE STEPPING

Slips, trips and falls are a hazard faced by people in our industry on a daily basis. These incidents have been a result of poor housekeeping and/or not paying attention to surroundings. The photos below show the different exposures employees have experienced. Whether you are stepping down from a ladder, getting in and out of a truck, or on and off a piece of equipment, or just walking through the yard.....there are always things to be aware of. We become distracted throughout the day and all of us fight complacency but a small trip or slip can result in a very serious injury, therefore it is important to keep eyes and mind on the job.



- Good housekeeping should be a daily practice.
  - Hoses should be rolled up and put out of the way when not in use.
  - Blocks should be stored in a designated area when not in use
  - Tools should not be lying on the ground.
- Be aware of your surroundings and acknowledge hazardous situations.
  - Look before stepping down from any type of ladder, truck, or piece of equipment.
  - Use the 3-points of contact rule.
  - Think the job through before attempting to complete it.
  - **Recognize** when you are being distracted, **Evaluate** the situation, and **Control** it.