



10 STEPS

you can take to help prevent falls
from vehicles on your site.

- 1** Agree safe ways of loading and unloading to minimise the amount of time workers have to spend in the vehicle loading area.
- 2** Carry out regular checks on the condition of equipment such as steps.
- 3** Provide operatives with a system for reporting faults related to access equipment that is used when unloading vehicles.
- 4** Provide adequate lighting on sites and on vehicles where work is carried out. Poor lighting will hide trip and slip hazards.
- 5** Keep vehicle beds tidy to help prevent trips and slips.
- 6** Provide safe vehicle washing facilities and make sure they are used. Diesel, grease or mud increases the likelihood of slipping on the catwalk, steps or load area.
- 7** Provide steps, gantries and platforms where work at height is unavoidable for loading and unloading or maintenance and cleaning.
- 8** Provide suitable slip-resistant footwear for those who may have to access the vehicle.
- 9** Give operatives and any drivers involved in unloading a 'toolbox talk' on how to avoid falls and provide refresher sessions at regular intervals.
- 10** Check to ensure that fall precautions are actually taken.