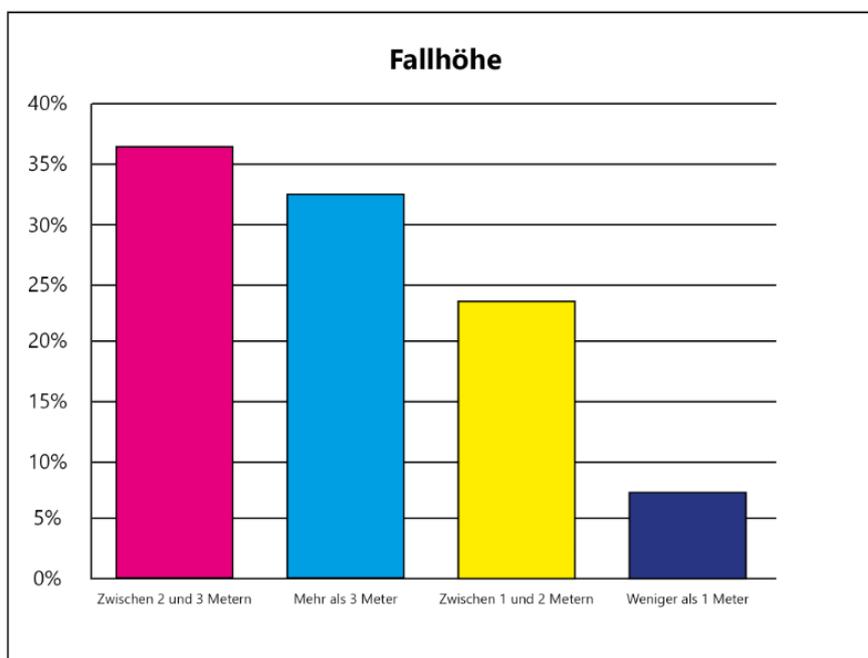


In the Netherlands there is a daily occupational accident in the category "fall from height".

Falling from height is often caused by incorrect movement, slipping or tripping.

The following applies: the higher the fall, the greater the risk of serious injury. However, there is no safe limit for working at height: if a person falls from a ladder 1.5 metres high, he or she can also be seriously injured.



In this letter, we present a brief picture of falls on the working floor (occupational accidents) in the Netherlands. Work at height is carried out in almost every industrial or logistics sector. Despite the fact that work situations differ a lot from one sector to another, there is always one clear similarity: when working at height, semi-permanent or permanent fall protection must be used!

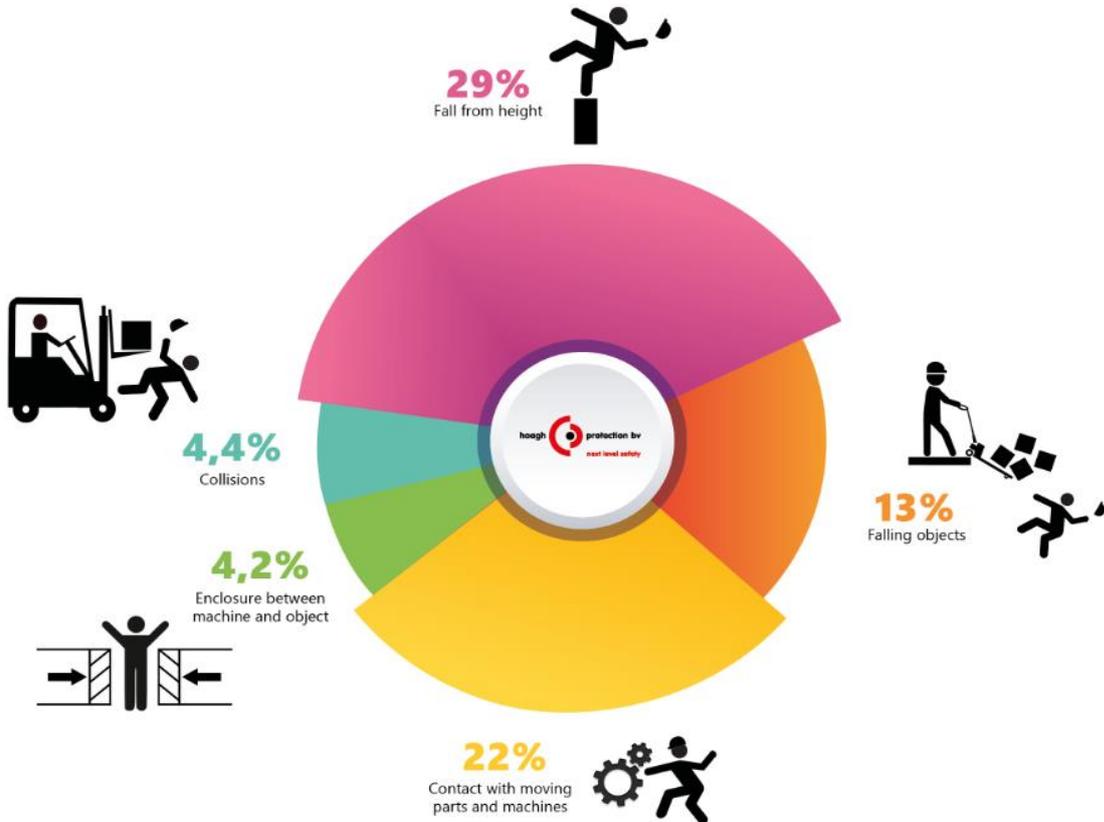
We looked at where most accidents at work take place and what their causes are.

What is striking to see, is that three sectors stand out above the rest and that in all three cases a "fall from height" is a common cause of injury. This is not only associated with personal suffering but also with high costs.

1. **Industry (26%)**
2. **Construction (19%)**
3. **Trade (13%)**



Accidents at work are most common in industrial workplaces. These accidents vary from accidents with machines, accidents caused by falling objects (e.g. tools) to falls from a ladder or stairs. Two of the five examples from these sectors relate, directly or indirectly, to safe working at height:



In the construction industry, a fall from a roof, platform or (open) floor, a fall from a ladder or stairs and/or a fall from scaffolding is common. For the number three on this list, the trade sector, the total number of accidents is considerably lower than in industry.

Nevertheless, the number of accidents at work is also high in this sector, about 13% of the national total. According to research, the most common accidents are: accidents involving machinery, accidents caused by falling objects (such as tools) and again a fall from a ladder or stairs.

Typ of accident

Percentage total

- 1. Fall from Height 29%
- 2. Contact with moving parts of a machine 22%
- 3. Falling Objects 13%
- 4. Collisions of a pedestrian by a vehicle 4,4%
- 5. Entrapment between machines 4,2%



Despite the fact that Dutch legislation is clear about the obligation to use or wear fall protection, this is unfortunately not the case everywhere. If we look at the five most common occupational accidents, 29% of all incidents involve a fall from height. **Annually, more than 200,000 workers have an accident at work, which means, based on that 29%, more than 58,000 people fall from a height during their work each year.**

Unfortunately, the need and correct use of good safety equipment is not yet apparent to everyone. Therefore, make sure that employees and colleagues are encouraged to work safely at heights!

Haagh Protection can help you with this:

- [Variogates \(Safety pallet gate systems\)](#): for safe working at higher elevations on working floors.



- [Anti-slip elements and tapes](#): for making slippery floors, passageways or ladders safe again.



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But please also do not forget the danger of a worker - or a passer-by - being hit by a falling object. In addition, in the event of an emergency, the escape route for employees at height is often longer, with all associated risks.

For this, Haagh Protection can also be of service with safety netting for Variogates, additional fencing and the Deckmark or luminescent (glow-in-the dark) Vigil anti-slip elements.

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