



- 1** Agree safe ways of loading and unloading to minimise the amount of time workers have to spend on the vehicle loading area.
- 2** Carry out regular checks on the condition of equipment such as steps and catwalks. Falls occur when the steps or catwalk have failed.
- 3** Provide drivers with a system for reporting faults related to access equipment on their vehicles and check they use the system. Make sure faults are repaired quickly.
- 4** Provide adequate lighting in depots and on the vehicles where work is carried out. Poor lighting will hide trip and slip hazards.
- 5** Keep vehicle beds and catwalks 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 drivers.
- 9** Give drivers 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.