



Serious about falls from height

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EVERYDAY... EVERYWHERE

More than 10 million workers
In over 1 million businesses
In every industry sector
From changing lightbulbs to
major construction projects
The list is endless...

FACTS & FIGURES

147 workers killed in 2018/19

40 by a fall from height

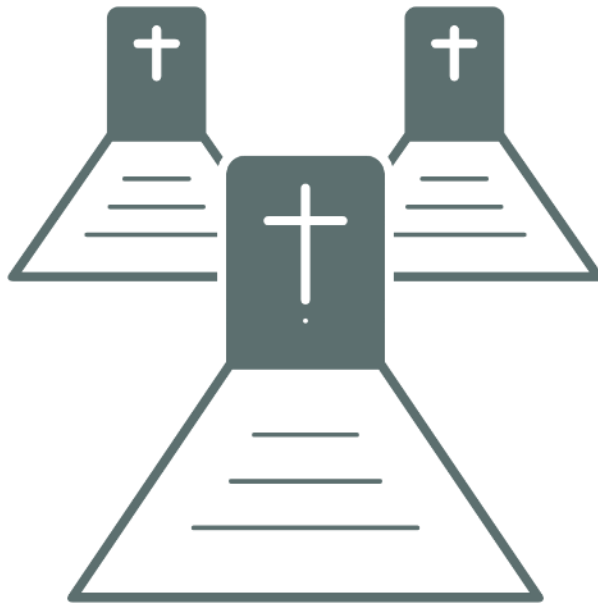
30 by a moving vehicle

16 by a moving object

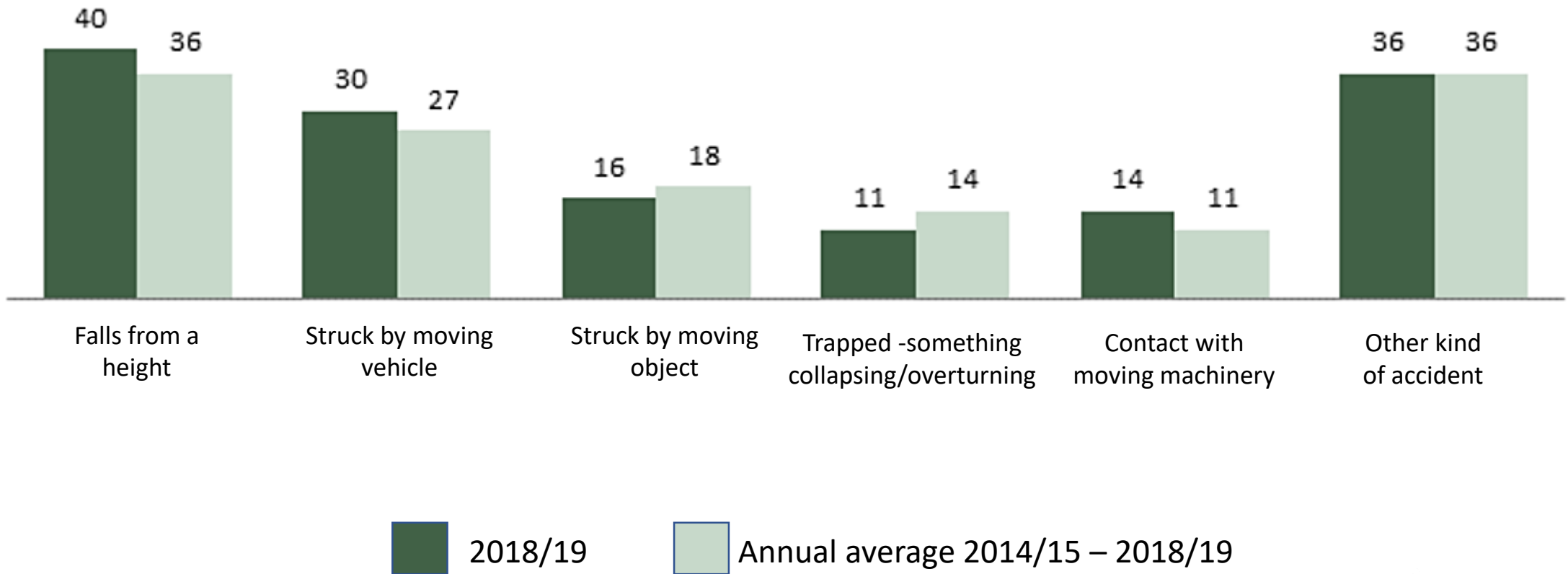
14 by contact with machinery

11 by being trapped

27.2% Source: RIDDOR



2018/19 AND ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR 2014/15 - 2018/19p





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**Representing the principal trade associations and
federations involved in working at height**



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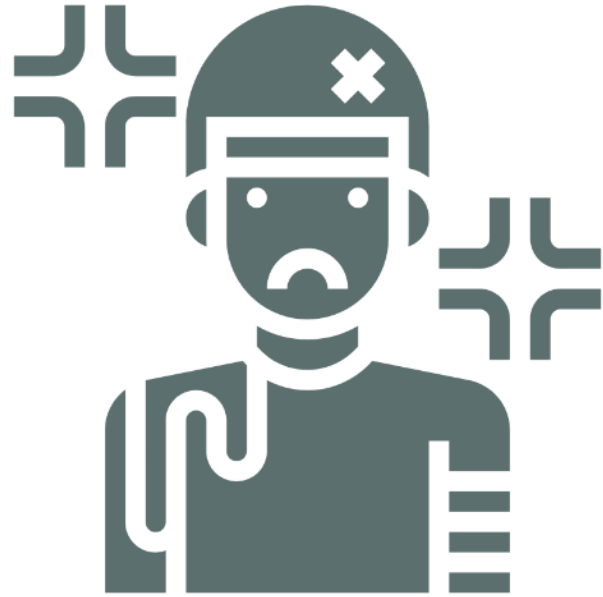
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NON-FATAL INJURIES

71,062

Reported by employers

5,684

Though a fall from height

8.0% Source: RIDDOR

FATAL INJURIES

198

NON-FATAL INJURIES

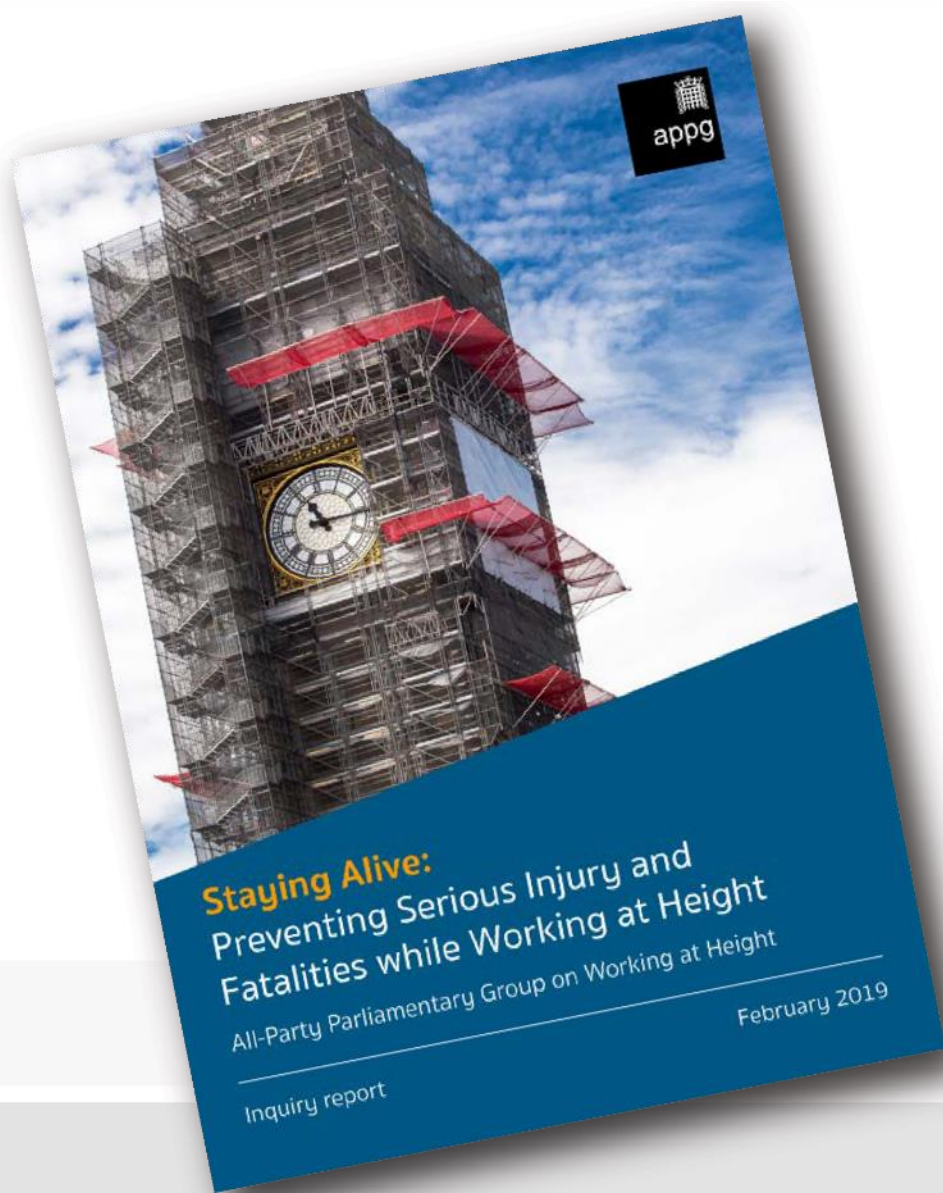
28,468

We need better accident reporting...
to understand where we have to apply effort and resource



APPG: LOOKING AHEAD

- ▶ Inquiry Report of the APPG
- ▶ The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Working at Height



STAYING ALIVE

Preventing Serious Injury and Fatalities while Working at Height

- Supported by AIF
- First official inquiry launched January 2018
- Over 60 evidence submissions received
- Oral evidence taken in March and July 2018
- 'Staying Alive' report published February 2019

an inquiry to investigate why workers fall from height, leading to death and serious injury, and to come up with a set of recommendations to reduce the overall number of falls.

Recommendations

1. The introduction of enhanced reporting without an additional burden, through RIDDOR, which at a minimum, records the scale of a fall, the method used and the circumstances of the fall.
2. The appointment of an independent body that allows confidential, enhanced and digital reporting of all near misses and accidents that do not qualify for RIDDOR reporting. The data collected by this independent body will be shared with government and industry to inform health and safety policy.
3. The extension of the Working Well Together – Working Well at Height safety campaigns to industries outside of the construction sector.
4. An equivalent system to Scotland's Fatal Accident Inquiry process to be extended to the rest of the UK.

An opportunity for

5. The creation of a digital technology strategy to include a new tax relief for small, medium and sole traders, to enable them to invest in new technology.
6. A major review of work at height culture. This should include an investigation into the safety of industry binding financial penalties, which could be used towards raising awareness and training, particularly in hard to reach sectors.

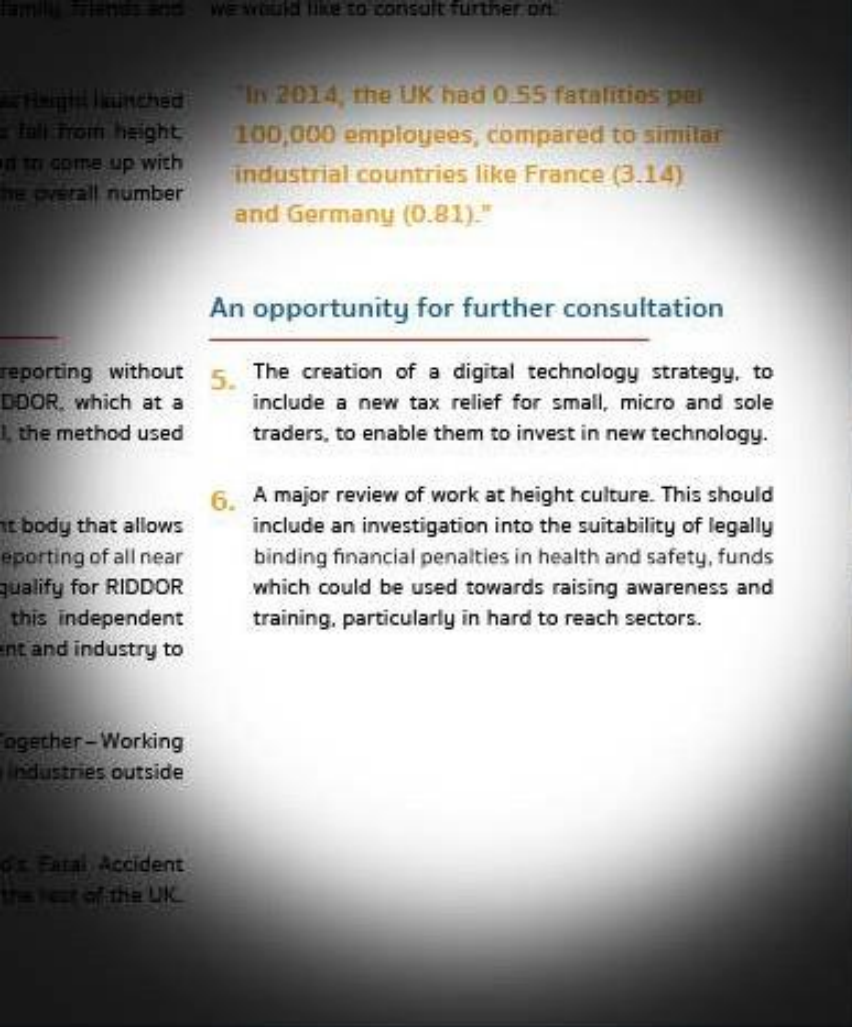
APPG: RECOMMENDATIONS

The introduction of enhanced reporting

The appointment of an independent body

The expansion of Working Well Together (WWT)

The extension of Scotland's FAI process



APPG: FURTHER CONSULTATION

The creation of a digital technology strategy
A major review of work at height culture

"In 2014, the UK had 0.55 fatalities per 100,000 employees, compared to similar industrial countries like France (3.14) and Germany (0.81)."

An opportunity for further consultation

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APPG: WHAT NOW?

- ▶ Westminster Hall Debate
- ▶ Meeting with Minister
- ▶ London Work at Height Seminar
- ▶ Formal Response from HSE
- ▶ Meeting 23 October 2019
 - ▶ Enhanced reporting of falls from height



FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find out more on the work of
the APPG at
workingatheight.info

THE CONSEQUENCES OF A FALL



For those who experience **non-fatal accidents**, a fall can lead to life-changing injuries and affect not just the victim but also their family, friends and colleagues

There's a good chance you will know someone who has been affected by a fall from height



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Raising awareness of life-changing consequences and fatalities following a fall from height



EDUCATION



RESEARCH



SUPPORT

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