

## Safe Working at Height

**Overview** The talk covers: before working on roofs, hazards and safe working at height.

### Before working at height

- 1 Before any work or access onto a roof, fragile materials should be identified and precautions decided.
- 2 Roof-edge barriers (or scaffolds) must be erected to prevent people and materials falling.
- 3 Access ladders must extend at least 1 metre above the stepping-off point and must be secured.
- 4 Where access ladders rise above 9 meters, a safe intermediate platform must be provided.
- 5 Ladders must be rested at the correct angle (1unit out for 4 units up).

### Hazards of working at height

- 1 Where there is a likely hood of falling from height, guard-rails and toe-boards must be erected.
- 2 Hazards resulting from adverse weather conditions must be anticipated and suitable precautions taken.
- 3 LPG cylinders should be located at least 4 meters away from the heat source. Spare bottles area to be kept to a minimum.
- 4 Don't allow rubbish to accumulate as this is liable to cause accidents. Use a chute or lower materials properly.
- 5 Wet, wind or icy weather can seriously affect safety.

### Safe working on roofs

- 1 Only competent operatives may be used for roofing works.
- 2 Crawling boards or ladders must be provided and used where the roof is liable to collapse under a person's weight or the roof is sloping with a pitch over 10 degrees.
- 3 Where work is of short duration and the provision of guard-rails and toe-boards is impracticable, safety harnesses must be used with suitable anchorage points provided.
- 4 If using bitumen, boilers, they require a drip tray.
- 5 Openings must be covered or guarded: if removed for the passage of workers or materials, replace it immediately.

- **Note to supervisor:** Now inform your workforce of the company policy regarding working at height.

**Do you have any questions for me?**

**REMEMBER** THERE IS NO SAFE HEIGHT TO FALL FROM.



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**NOTE:** Failure to comply with safety instructions and RAMS may result in disciplinary actions

Serial	Name	Date of Toolbox Talk	Signature	Site

*By signing this register you are confirming that you attended the toolbox talk and understand the requirements for before working on roofs, hazards and safe working at height*