

General Risk Assessment

Working At Heights

Review date:

Reviewed By:

Ref:

Method/description of activity:

Working At Heights

Hazards

Risk level

Insignificant

low

medium

high

Falls of persons
Falls of materials

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Population Exposed

Operative primarily, Others: -

Pre Control Risk Matrix			Likelihood			RR
			Unlikely	Possible	Likely	
			1	2	3	
	Low	1	1	2	3	2
Severity	Medium	2	2	4	6	4
	High	3	3	6	9	6

Controls Statutory

(List Relevant Regulations)

Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998
Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996
HSE Guidance Booklets HS (G)33: Safety in Roof work and
HS (G)150: Health and Safety in construction
HS (G) 151: Protecting the public – your next move

Other relevant British Standards include:

BS 8213 Part 1 : 1991 – Code of Practice for cleaning of windows & doors
BS EN 355, 358, 361 – 365 – Personal protective equipment against falls from a height
BS 7883 : 1997 – Code of Practice, application & use of anchor devices conforming to BS EN 795

Complete the following sections for all Medium and High-Risk Activities

Controls In-House

(Refer to a full method statement as necessary)

Planning:

Work is planned to ensure a safe means of access is provided.

See separate assessments for use of ladders, scaffolding, mobile elevating working platforms and mobile scaffold towers.

All equipment is provided and maintained to required legal and other standards.

Physical:

Suitable signs and barriers will be positioned directly below works to warn of overhead operations.

Edge protection will be erected at places of work where falls of more than 2m could occur.

Where edge protection is removed for access, or is not reasonably practicable, personal suspension equipment will be used by operatives working at or near the edge.

Where there is likely to be debris falling, fans, chutes or full enclosures will be used to protect third parties.

All operatives working below overhead operations will wear safety helmets.

Consultation Site Induction						
Documentation						
Implementation Site Manager to ensure operatives comply with all safety requirements						
Information Instruction Safety briefing, briefing on risks / precautions for this activity (injury etc). All equipment used will be checked to ensure it is in good order, to correct specification, and in date for inspection. Work will be monitored to ensure that additional precautions and equipment is taken into use if edge protection is removed.						
Training New employees to be briefed in safe working practice before starting work. Subcontractor to provide specialist training to all operatives. Training and instruction must be provided to all operatives and supervisory staff involved in the use of suspension equipment such as lines and harnesses, and how to inspect and assess PPE of this type before use.						
PPE		Head and foot protection. Gloves and ear protection.				
Monitoring Constant supervision to check arrangements during progress of works.						
Systems Review Review periodically to confirm validity of safety arrangements.						
Post Control Risk Matrix			Unlikely	Likelihood Possible	Likely	RR
			1	2	3	
	Low	1	1	2	3	1
Severity	Medium	2	2	4	6	2
	High	3	3	6	9	2