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RISK ASSESSMENT



Operation/Activity:

Working at Height Working at Height using approved method of access

Site / Location:

All Sites

Categories of persons at risk (tick appropriate boxes)

Employee	✓	Pregnant person		Visitor	✓	Disabled Person	
General Public	✓	Lone worker	✓	Young Person		Others	✓

Risk Severity

Risk Likelihood		Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Significant 3	Major 4	Severe 5
	5 Almost Certain	Medium 5	High 10	Very High 15	Extreme 20	Extreme 25
	4 Likely	Low 4	High Medium 8	High 12	Very High 16	Extreme 20
	3 Moderate	Low 3	Medium 6	High Medium 9	High 12	Very High 15
	2 Unlikely	Very Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	High Medium 8	High 10
	1 Rare	Very Low 1	Very Low 2	Low 3	Low 4	Medium 5

Action level	Classification	Additional Actions
1-4	Acceptable	No further action
5-9	Adequate	May consider for further analysis
10-16	Tolerable	Must review in a timely manner
17-25	Unacceptable	Must Implement Cease in activities

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Annual review and transfer to new format

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Summary of detailed assessments from below

Hazard	Who Might be harmed and how	Risk Rating (Before Controls)	Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Risk (L x S)	Residual Risk Rating
H1	Falls of persons from height. (Serious or fatal injuries from falls).	High	2	3	6	Medium
H2	Falls of materials / tools from height. (Serious or fatal injuries from impact of falling materials).	High	2	3	6	Medium

OVERALL RISK RATING PREDOMINANTLY = MEDIUM

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Hazard	Existing risk control measures in place	Residual Risk			At Review if immediate action cannot be taken		
		Severity	Likelyhood	Risk	Further actions needed to control the risk	Who needs to carryout action	When action is needed by
General	• Work at Height should be avoided where possible. • Use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls where work from height cannot be avoided. • Where the risk cannot be eliminated use work equipment or other measures to minimise the distance and consequences of a fall. • HSE and other guidance; • HS(G) 150 'health and safety in construction ' • HS(G) 33 'safety and roof work' • HS(G) 151 'protecting the public' • Mandatory PPE; • Protective footwear • Hard Hat if appropriate to the location of work • Gloves						
H1 Falls from height	• Ensure that no work is done at height if it is safe and reasonably practicable to do it other than at height. • Ensure that the work is properly planned, appropriately supervised, and carried out in as safe a way as is reasonably practicable. • Plan for emergencies and rescues. • Take account of weather conditions that could pose additional hazards. • All staff must be fully trained in working at height. (This includes involvement in organisation, planning, supervision, and the supply and maintenance of equipment).	2	3	6			

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	• Staff working at height must be trained in how to avoid falling and how to minimise injury to themselves should they fall. • Ensure that the place where the work is done is safe. • Collective protection measures must be given priority ahead of personal protective measures. • Equipment for work at height must be properly inspected. Ensure that risks from fragile surfaces are controlled. • If working from scaffolding, ensure that the safety certificate has been checked prior to work commencing.						
H2 Falls of materials from height.	• Everything that is reasonably practicable must be done to prevent falling objects where they present a risk. • Use toe boards and brick guards to prevent items falling from platforms. • Do not throw materials from height. • Use enclosed containers for lowering items. • Any tools which are needed for the work can be attached to the operator with a suitable lanyard, e.g. a rope or chain, so that they cannot be dropped; and Where a risk of dropped tools or falling materials remains, the area beneath the work should be fenced off or protected by fans, covered walkways or similar. • Use appropriate lifting and lowering systems for materials.	2	3	6			