

Height Safety Legislation



Legislation governs many aspects of our working environment and none more so than work at height. In 2005/06 falls from height accounted for 46 fatal accidents and around 3350 major injuries at work. They remain the single biggest cause of workplace deaths and one of the main causes of major injury. As a result, a whole raft of legislative controls have been implemented in order to protect those working at height. Some of the main associated regulations are:

- The Work at Height Regulations 2005
- The Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002 (European Directive 89/686/CEE)
- The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (European Directive 89/656/CEE)
- The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- The Workplace (Health Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Provision & Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998
- The Lifting Operations & Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998
- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

The overriding principle derived from these regulations is “**you must do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent anyone falling**”.