

Spotlight on **Safety**: The Weatherproofing Way

Falls from height account for nearly 29% of fatal injuries to workers in the construction industry each year.



Many work activities involve working at height. Working from ladders, scaffolds and platforms are obvious examples, but there are many more activities where people are required to carry out work activities at height.

Falls from Height – Rescue Plans

Employers and those in control of any work at height activity must make sure work is properly planned, supervised and carried out by competent people. This includes using the right type of equipment for working at height.

Low-risk, relatively straightforward tasks will require less effort when it comes to planning. Employers and those in control must first assess the risks

When carrying out assessments for managing and selecting equipment for work at height there is a simple hierarchy employers should use.

- Where possible, avoid working at height;
- Where it is not possible to avoid working at height use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls. E.g. Providing Permanent or Temporary Access Platforms.
- Where they cannot eliminate the risk of a fall, use work equipment or other measures to minimise the distance and consequences, e.g. fall arrest/ restraint equipment etc.



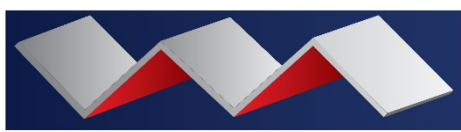
Eliminate the risk



Guard the hazard



Protect the worker



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There is a legal obligation to have a rescue plan in place when individuals are working at height.

Elevated Platforms

Mechanical Elevated Working Platforms (MEWPS) and Scissor Lifts are often utilised as a means of rescue. However, sometimes occupied buildings have limited access which can restrict the use of this type of equipment.



Typical plant used for rescue plans

Personal Rescue Device - PRD

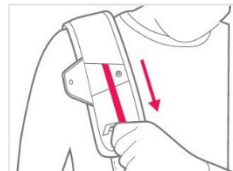
Designed as an everyday PPE item, the PRD provides a self-rescue solution that is always ready. Designed to fit within a neat backpack and integrated with a full body harness, a brake mechanism with 20 m (65ft) cord can be activated to gently lower the user to the ground.



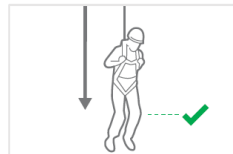
Check the ground below to ensure landing is possible



Open the flap on the right shoulder strap to access the release chord



Pull sharply on the release chord



Lower to ground in a controlled manner

Rescue Benefits

- Significantly reduces rescue time
- Always available
- Self-activated
- Intuitive use
- Clear rescue plan
- Improves user safety

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