

# Spotlight on **Safety**: The Weatherproofing Way

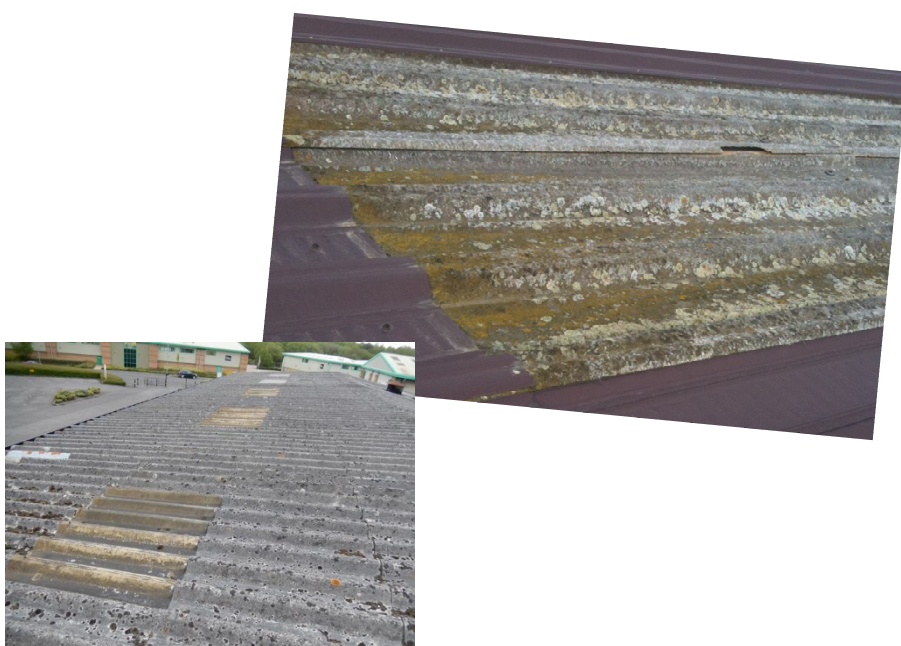
On average, nine people die every year falling through a fragile roof or rooflight. Many others are seriously injured.

These accidents usually occur on factories, warehouses and farm buildings when repairing, maintaining plant, installing equipment, cleaning gutters and surveying or inspecting roofs.



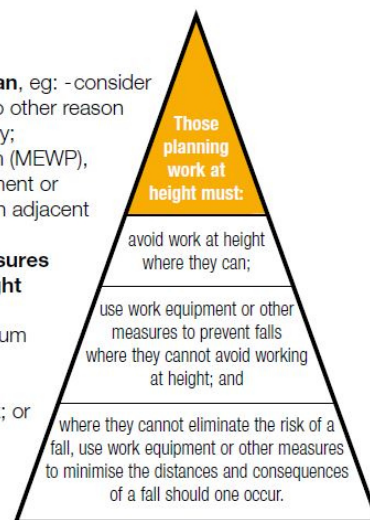
## Internal Rooflight Replacement Industrial Unit, Heathrow

The need to replace fragile rooflights is extremely common on ageing industrial units. The existing Glass Reinforced Plastic or PVC rooflights become warped and fragile through continued exposure to UV degradation.



Those planning work at height must:

- **avoid work at height where they can**, eg: - consider carefully whether cleaning a roof for no other reason than appearances is actually necessary;  
- use a mobile elevating work platform (MEWP), telescopic pole with camera attachment or binoculars from a safe position on an adjacent building to carry out an inspection;
- **use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls where work at height cannot be avoided**, eg:  
- by using an existing (950 mm minimum height) parapet wall;  
- erecting edge protection;  
- using a MEWP to carry out the work; or  
- using a work-restraint system;
- **where they cannot eliminate the risk of a fall, use work equipment or other measures to minimise the distance and consequences of a fall should one occur**, eg:  
- by using nets, air or bean bags or a fall-arrest harness system.



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# Working **Safely** doesn't happen by Accident

## Safe Systems of Work - The Weatherproofing Way Planned – Managed - Monitored

Weatherproofing Advisors can now replace profiled rooflights internally, eliminating the need to access dangerous fragile roofs.

This process alleviates the need to install safety netting, external scaffold and access equipment whilst greatly reducing the risk of serious injury or death.



Cutting out the rooflight



Using the exiting rooflight as a template



Preparing the rooflight



Installing the rooflight

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