

SAFETY TOOL BOX MEETING

NO. 25 - WORK ON ROOFS

Working on roofs gives rise to a substantial number of fatal and serious accidents every year

STICK TO THE RULES

- 1. Only properly trained operatives will be used for roofing works
- 2. A safe method of working must be agreed before work starts. Know your method statement.
- 3. Safety nets are the preferred option for prevention of falls from roofs. The use of any other form of protection must be agreed with the Al Khodari Safety Department.
- 4. Suitable crawling boards or roof ladders must be used on fragile materials or sloping roofs (other than suitably battened roofs). Safety notices must be in position indicating the presence of fragile roofs.
- Where crawling boards are used for access over fragile material or near roof edges guardrails are required. Safety notices must be in position indicating the presence of fragile roofs.
- 6. Roof edge protection, i.e. handrails, toe boards, brick guards etc as assessed must be erected to prevent men and materials falling. This will form part of your method statement.
- 7. Openings in the roof must be securely covered or guarded. Al Khodari Record of Weekly Inspection of Temporary Covers will be completed for all covers. If you require the covers to be removed, make sure you get permission from Al Khodari, and an agreed method of work is in place.
- 8. Covering or guarding may be removed to allow the passage of men or material BUT must be replaced immediately after that operation and only with permission from Al Khodari, and an agreed method of work is in place.
- 9. Access ladders must rise at least 1050mm above the stepping off point and must be secured.
- 10. Where the access ladders raise above 9 metres an intermediate platform with guardrails and toe-boards must be provided.
- 11. Wet, windy or icy weather can seriously affect your safety during roofing works, ask if in doubt.
- 12. Refer to Al Khodari Safety Instruction No. 1 Work at Height 2m or above for further detail on Al Khodari policy for working on roofs.

I have given the above talk to all men under my control.

Signed:

Company

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