

WORKING AT HEIGHT

DOCUMENT TYPE:
CONTROL STANDARD

REFERENCE:
HSE CS 30-00

STATUS:
MANDATORY



Purpose

To define requirements for the operational control of risks associated with working at height.

Scope

This Control Standard applies to: -

- All work activities where a person could fall and injure themselves, regardless of the work equipment being used, the duration the person is at height or the height at which the work is performed.
- Access to and egress from a place of work.

Exemptions

Accessing and egressing a permanent staircase in a building (See HSE CS 48 Office Working).

REQUIREMENTS	TOOL BOX
Controls	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Local Management shall identify all working at height that takes place within their area of control (see additional guidance in HSE CS 30-03) to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All working at height is planned, organised, supervised and monitored; • Those involved in working at height are competent; • The hazards and risks are assessed; • Appropriate equipment for working at height is selected, inspected, used correctly and maintained; • Emergency and rescue procedures are developed, communicated and rehearsed. The working at height hierarchy shall be considered and applied prior to any working at height activity. Established control measures for working at height shall not be modified or altered except through the application of a risk-based change management process. All roofs shall be treated as fragile until a competent person has confirmed they are not. 	<div>HSE CS 30-01 Glossary</div> <div>HSE CS 30-02 Information Manage & Control</div> <div>HSE CS 30-04 Checklist plan, organise and control</div>
Risk Assessment	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The risk associated with working at height activities shall be continually assessed so that alternative, safer methods are introduced. The risk assessment shall comply with HSE MS 09-00 Risk management and consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The factors described in the guidance (HSE CS 30-03) • The fall of materials or tools; • The possibility of adverse weather; and • Whether a working at height fitness for work assessment is required. 	<div>HSE CS 30-03 Guidance</div> <div>HSE MS 09 HS&E Risk</div>



Work equipment requirements <p>7. Where appropriate, equipment for working at height shall be inspected in accordance with HSE CS 29 Engineering Inspection of systems and equipment, and maintained in an effective and safe condition.</p> <p>8. Collective protection shall be given priority over personal protection.</p> <p>9. MEWP operations shall be compliant to HSE CS 56 Powered Lift Truck Vehicles And Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (see HSE CS 30-08)</p> <p>10. Equipment for working at height shall be: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable for the work environment (and if appropriate, the weather conditions) before work begins. • Assembled and used by competent people; and • Subject to a pre-use check by the user (see HSE CS 30-03 and 30-05). 	<div>HSE CS 29 Engineering Inspections</div> <div>HSE CS 30-08 MEWP Guidance</div> <div>HSE CS 30-05 Information Ladders & Stepladders</div>
Competence	
<p>11. The requirements of the training matrix shall be complied with.</p>	<div>HSE CS 30-06 Engagement Activity</div> <div>HSE CS 30-07 Training Matrix</div>
Compliance Monitoring	
<p>12. Compliance to the requirements of this Control Standard shall be included in the assurance programmes at each site.</p>	<div>HSE CS 30-98 Implementation Gap Analysis</div>
Change Control	
<p>13. Details of changes made to this control standard</p>	<div>HSE CS 30-99 Change Control</div>