



TITLE: Working at Height	STANDARD:	214
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Definitions (in relation to this Standard)

Access & Egress	Includes ascent and descent
Competent	Trained, experienced and qualified
Work at Height	Including at, above, and below ground level

Cross-References

- Standard 215 - Scaffolding
- Standard 216 - Working Platforms
- Standard 217 - Man-Lifts (MEWPS)
- Standard 218 - Fall Arrest & Work Restraint Systems, Nets & Rope Access
- Standard 219 - Lightweight Staging, Trestles, Ladders & Steps
- Standard 220 - Roofing & Fragile Surfaces
- Standard 223 - Man-Baskets

Procedure

1. Every Contractor shall ensure that all work at height is:

- Properly planned
- Appropriately supervised
- And carried out in a manner which is safe,

And that it's planning includes the selection of work equipment in accordance with Paragraph 3.

2. All planning shall include risk assessments and safe sequence of works, proving the selection of equipment has followed the hierarchy of control measures for working at height. All documentation, including any work at height (and equipment) procedures shall be included in the ES&H Construction Phase Plan.
3. In selection of work equipment for use in work at height, "collective" protection measures shall be supplied in the first instance over "personal" protection measures (hierarchy of control). The Contractor is to take into account the working conditions, access and egress to the works to be conducted at height, the distance and consequences of a fall, the duration of the works, and the work activity.
4. Where work is carried out at height, every Contractor shall take sufficient measures to prevent any person, equipments or materials falling a distance liable to cause injury.
5. Every Contractor shall ensure that no person engages in any activity, including design, in relation to working at height, or erecting and dismantling work at height equipment, unless he is competent to do so, or if being trained, is being supervised by a competent person.

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The Contractor shall keep records of qualifications and training which must be made available to the Royal Commission.

6. Every Contractor shall ensure that work is not carried out at height where it is practicable to carry out the work safely at ground level.
7. Every Contractor shall ensure that all work at height is carried out only when the weather conditions do not jeopardize the health or safety of persons involved in the work.
8. Every Contractor shall ensure that in the case of:
 - Scaffolding, Standard 215 is complied with,
 - A working platform, Standard 216 is complied with,
 - Man-Lifts (MEWPS), Standard 217 is complied with,
 - Fall Arrest & Work Restraint Systems, Nets & Rope Access, Standard 218 is complied with,
 - Ladders, Steps & Lightweight Staging, Standard 219 is complied with,
 - Roofing & Fragile Surfaces, Standard 220 is complied with,
 - Man-Baskets, Standard 223 is complied with.
9. Where work is carried out at height, the Contractor shall take suitable and sufficient steps to prevent the fall of any material or objects, and prevent any person being struck by falling material or objects which would be liable to cause personal injury.
10. Every Contractor shall ensure that no material or object is thrown or tipped from height where it is liable to cause personal injury or damage to property.
11. Every Contractor shall ensure that where there is a risk of any person being struck by a falling object, that area is barricaded to prevent unauthorized persons from entering, and that it is suitably signed and maintained.
12. All work that requires workers to access vehicles and mobile equipment either to fix or loosen loads, or to carry out maintenance works shall be classed as work at height. Contractors are required to conduct risk assessments for this work and implement the necessary control measures to ensure the work is conducted safely.

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Example of de-tarping station

13. Every person on or visiting site shall report any activity or equipment defect relating to work at height which is likely to endanger the safety of themselves or others.
14. Every person shall use work equipment and safety devices provided to him for work at height by the Contractor in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and training given.
15. Prior to any work at height, the contractor must ensure that a pre-task briefing is conducted for all workers involved in the activity. The Contractor shall keep records which must be made available to the Royal Commission.

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Hierarchy of control for working at height



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