



National
Operational
Guidance

Control measure

**Safe system of work: Unguarded
edges**



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Safe system of work: Unguarded edges

Understand:

- The need for all personnel to identify and communicate the hazards they encounter
- What signs may be found where there are unguarded edges
- The benefits of barriers and cordons when working near unguarded edges
- The benefits of collective and personal fall protection when working near unguarded edges
- The potential conflict of control measures and PPE in complex environments

Practical application

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Learning outcome

Select the most appropriate PPE and other equipment for the hazards and activities identified when working near unguarded edges

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Determine what PPE is appropriate based on the hazards identified and the required activities
- Carry out a risk assessment to identify if there are any conflicts in control measures or PPE required for a more complex environment
- Ensure personnel are wearing the most appropriate PPE when working near unguarded edges



Control measure element

Learning outcome

Review the suitability of existing barriers or guard rails

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Carry out a risk assessment to determine if the level of protection provided by a barrier or guard rail is sufficient for the person and the task to be carried out

Review the suitability of any existing collective protection

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Review the suitability of existing collective protection and obtain assurance of its capability