



National
Operational
Guidance

Control measure

Hierarchy of control: Work at height



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element	Learning outcome
Health and safety measures for working at height	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of risk assessment, planning and supervision • The need to identify competent people to work at height • The need for the right type of equipment when working at height
The hierarchy of control for working at height	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When it is appropriate to apply the 'avoid, prevent, minimise' approach • When it is appropriate to use ladders
Protection measures when working at height	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of collective protection systems • The use of personal protection systems
Weather conditions	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to monitor weather conditions when working at height
Practical application	



Control measure element

Learning outcome

All personnel must:
Use any work at height equipment or safety device provided in accordance with training and manufacturer's guidelines

Manage risk for work at height using a hierarchy of control approach

Select the most appropriate work at height equipment for the activities and hazards identified

Monitor weather conditions when working at height

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Use work at height equipment and safety devices in accordance with the training received
- Use work at height equipment and safety devices in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Determine when it is appropriate to avoid, prevent or minimise the risks of working at height
- Consider the appropriate use of ladders

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Consider the appropriate use of collective and personal protection systems

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Recognise weather conditions that may escalate the level of risk when working at height