



National
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Guidance

Hazard

Fragile surfaces



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Knowledge and understanding

Hazard	Learning outcome
Fragile surfaces	Understand all associated hazard knowledge



Control measure - Safe system of work: Fragile surfaces

TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element	Learning outcome
Situational awareness	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How signage, SSRI and information from the responsible person or on-site staff can help to inform the risk assessment and tactical plan
Access options	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need to avoid going on or near a fragile surface• What existing means of support or protection may exist• What other methods of access could be used
Fall protection systems	Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How fall protection systems can be used when working on or near a fragile surface



Practical application

Control measure element

Ensure personnel and other emergency responders are informed when fragile surfaces are present or suspected

Consult with the responsible person or on-site staff to identify any fragile surfaces

Consider the use of specialist equipment when fragile surfaces are present or suspected

Learning outcome

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Inform personnel and other emergency responders about the location and risks of fragile surfaces

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Use information obtained about fragile surfaces from the responsible person or on-site staff to inform the risk assessment and tactical plan

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Consider the use of equipment to gain access while avoiding the fragile surface
- Consider the use of fall protection systems, in conjunction with anchor points and appropriate supervision, when working on or near fragile surfaces