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## Control measure

**Situational awareness: Work at height**



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### TRAINING SPECIFICATION

#### Knowledge and understanding

##### Control measure element

##### Learning outcome

Situational awareness: Work at height

Understand:

- The various sources of information, which may be available to assist with working at height situational awareness
- When it may be necessary to adopt defensive tactics
- The impact of medical conditions or medication that could affect personnel working at height
- The need to monitor personnel working at height for physical impacts

#### Practical application

##### Control measure element

##### Learning outcome

Assign and brief personnel to carry out reconnaissance if support is needed to inform situational awareness

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Gather information from personnel at the scene of operations
- Gather information from personnel remote from the scene of operations

Consider adopting defensive tactics until specialist advice or assistance is obtained for work at height

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Make a risk-assessed decision to withdraw temporarily pending specialist advice or assistance



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**Control measure element**

**Learning outcome**

Be aware of any personnel who should not be deployed to work at height, due to medical conditions or medication

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Determine which personnel should not be deployed to work at height on medical grounds

Monitor personnel for signs of stress, anxiety, vertigo or dizziness while working at height

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Recognise any personnel suffering from adverse physical impacts when working at height