



National  
Operational  
Guidance

Hazard

**Unguarded edges**



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## Hazard - Unguarded edges

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### Knowledge and understanding

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| Hazard          | Learning outcome                           |
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| Unguarded edges | Understand all associated hazard knowledge |



## Control measure - Safe system of work: Unguarded edges

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### TRAINING SPECIFICATION

#### Knowledge and understanding

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| Control measure element              | Learning outcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Safe system of work: Unguarded edges | Understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for all personnel to identify and communicate the hazards they encounter</li><li>• What signs may be found where there are unguarded edges</li><li>• The benefits of barriers and cordons when working near unguarded edges</li><li>• The benefits of collective and personal fall protection when working near unguarded edges</li><li>• The potential conflict of control measures and PPE in complex environments</li></ul> |



#### Practical application



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**Control measure element**

**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

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