



National
Operational
Guidance

Control measure

**Protect work at height equipment in
use or storage**



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

Knowledge and understanding

Control measure element

Learning outcome

Protect work at height equipment in use or storage

Understand:

- Control the hazards to work at height equipment using the hierarchical approach:

- Removing the hazard
- Avoiding the hazard
- Protection against the hazard

- How work at height equipment may be damaged during use

Protect work at height equipment in storage

Understand:

- The need for protecting work at height equipment in storage from contamination or damage

Quarantine of work at height equipment

Understand:

- Service procedures for quarantining work at height equipment if it is suspected of, or identified as, being compromised

Reinstatement or disposal of work at height equipment

Understand:

- When work at height equipment may be reinstated and when it may have to be withdrawn and disposed of
- The need to record the decision and action taken following examination of work at height equipment

Practical application



Control measure element

Learning outcome

All personnel should:
Check that work at height equipment has not been contaminated or damaged while stored

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Check work at height equipment for contamination or damage
- Immediately report any contaminated or damaged work at height equipment

All personnel should:
Avoid edges that are unprotected and may damage work at height equipment

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Avoid working where abrasive or sharp edges could compromise the operational integrity of work at height equipment

All personnel should:
Use equipment and procedures to protect rope and other work at height equipment from damage when in use

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Use supplementary equipment to protect ropes or other equipment that are in contact with abrasive or sharp edges

Ensure that regular checks of the surrounding area are carried out for potential hazards that could affect work at height equipment

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Carry out regular checks for hazards that could damage work at height equipment

Ensure any defective work at height equipment is quarantined for the duration of the incident

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Quarantine work at height equipment until it has been examined by a competent person

Ensure the reporting and replacement of defective equipment is carried out as per service procedure

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Follow service procedure if work at height equipment is suspected of, or identified as, being compromised; this may include it being:
 - Withdrawn
 - Declared defective
 - Managed under a strict quarantine