

Working at Heights

Principal Hazard Standard (Template)

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EHSQ Management Systems

1.0 PURPOSE

To ensure the risks arising from Working at Height are effectively managed by the implementation of fall protection and fall restraint measures.

2.0 SCOPE

This Principal Hazard Standard applies to all <Insert Company Name> controlled sites, its joint venture operations, employees, contractors and visitors and is subject to the requirements of other <Insert Company Name> HSE Standards and applicable health and safety legislation.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Competent Person	A person who has, through a combination of training, qualification and experience, acquired knowledge, skills and authority enabling that person to correctly perform a specified task.
Elevating work platform (EWP)	A general term used for a scissor lift, aerial platform, or an extensible or articulating boom aerial device (either self-propelled or vehicle-mounted) used for the purpose of positioning personnel, their tools, and necessary materials to an elevated work location.
Fall Arrest	A combination of equipment and components connected together designed to stop a person from striking a lower level or any other obstructions during a fall.
Fall Prevention	Is eliminating the possibility of a fall by using a fixed working platforms, temporary working platforms, scaffold, physical barriers, and elevating or mobile work platforms.
Fall Protection	Equipment, systems and procedures used to effectively protect an individual from fall hazards
Fall Restraint	A fall restraint system consists of equipment used to keep a person from reaching a fall point, such as the edge of a roof or the edge of an elevated working surface. The most commonly utilised fall restraint system is a guardrail. A tie off system that "restrains" the employee from falling off an elevated working surface is another type of fall restraint.
Working at Heights	Access, egress, ascending, descending, or working in any position where a person can fall from, into or through anything from one level to another as well as where objects could fall from one level to another causing injury him or herself and/or causing injury to those below. Or exposed to a fall of more than 2 m.

4.0 ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

<Insert Company Name> Accountable Managers shall ensure:

- This standard is effectively implemented within their area of responsibility.
- Variations to this standard are approved through a documented risk and change management process.