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# SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING AT HEIGHT



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Work at Height Regulations 2005

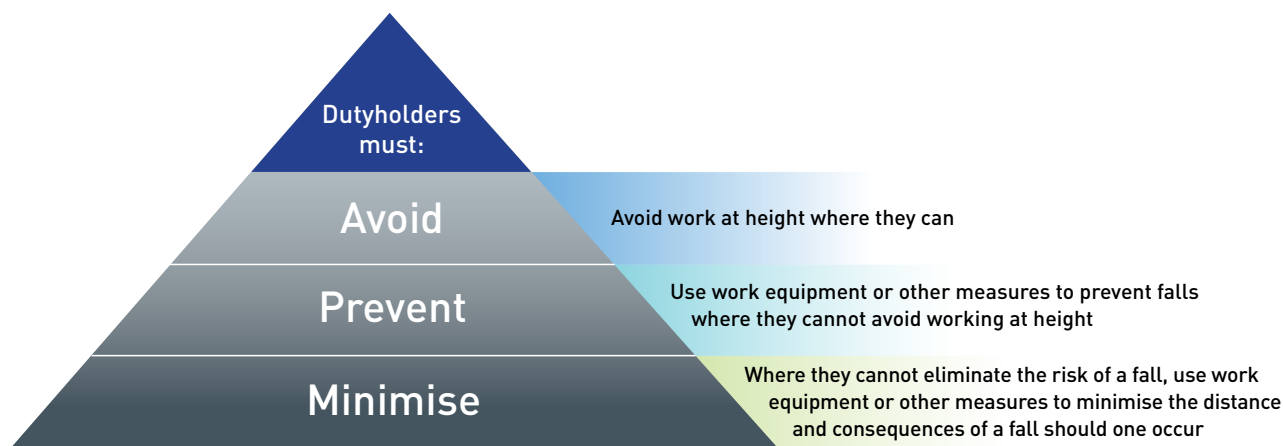
Work at Height (Amendment) Regulations 2007



# Your responsibilities as a dutyholder

If you are a building owner and intend to commission work that requires access to your roof, you become a 'duty holder' within the meaning of the 'Work at Height Regulations 2005'.

## THE REGULATIONS HIERARCHY



Dutyholders are required to ensure work at height is properly planned and carried out by trained and competent people, and that risks are minimised.

They are required to make sure:

- that the place where work is done at height (including the means of access) is safe and has features to prevent a fall
- equipment for work at height is inspected.

When selecting equipment for work at height you must:

- use the most suitable equipment
- give collective protection measures (e.g. guard rails) priority over personal protection measures (e.g. safety harnesses);
- take account of:
  - the working conditions; and
  - risks to the safety of all those at the place where the work equipment is to be used.

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## INSPECTION IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

'Inspection' is defined by regulation 12 (10) as 'such visual or more rigorous inspection by a competent person as is appropriate for safety purposes... (including) any testing appropriate for those purposes'.

You must ensure the person inspecting:

- prepares a report before going off duty
- gives the report (or a copy) within 24 hours of completing the inspection to the person for whom the inspection was done.

'Keeping' a report means keeping it (or a copy) safe from loss and unauthorised interference, and so that a printed copy can be supplied when required.

The regulations require general inspections every 12 months. However certain items of equipment such as abseil points and lines need a 6 monthly inspection.







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### SAYFA CAN HELP!

- By producing a complete survey of your existing safety provisions
- By reviewing the arrangements and facilities you have and making recommendations for any improvements necessary
- By advising on the regularity of inspections
- By performing inspection and maintenance on your facilities to ensure your continued compliance with the regulations



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