



# SAYFA INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### ***“What is an Aviator system?”***

Commonly called a cable system or man safe system, Aviator is a British Standard product manufactured by Sayfa Systems UK Ltd that helps prevent injury or death, if a fall or slip was to happen when working at height.

### ***“Do we need an Aviator system?”***

The cable system was originally installed because a fall risk had been recognised. Although not everyone would need to use the Aviator system, it is a LEGAL requirement that any person working adjacent to a potential fall hazard must be provided with a means to either prevent them from falling or, if they were to fall, to ‘arrest’ their fall within a safe distance.

### ***“Who is responsible for looking after the Aviator system?”***

The 1974 Health & Safety at Work Act makes everyone responsible for health and safety. Unless specifically delegated, it is normal for the building / office manager / supervisor (not necessarily the building owner) to have the LEGAL responsibility to ensure any person working on their premises can do so safely and that any equipment supplied must be in a serviceable condition.

### ***“Does the Aviator system have to be tested?”***

Yes, Our roof safety systems along with all other roof safety systems conform to BS EN 795. This Standard specifies that the system must be recertified at least once every 12 months. Furthermore, there are

several pieces of legislation (including The Working at Height Regulations 2005) that make it a legal requirement that the system must be British Standard compliant.

### ***“We don’t use the Aviator system, can we just leave it?”***

No, The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) requires employers to consider “foreseeable misuse” when making decisions. Although a system must have a tag to inform the user that it is within serviceable date limits, it may be possible that someone may inadvertently rely on an uncertified system and this could be potentially dangerous. It is recommended that all ‘redundant’ systems are removed or ‘isolated’ to prevent their use.

### ***To keep you and your workers both safe and legal please contact:***

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