

Working at Heights Policy

If it is possible that you may fall from one level to another, then the risks associated with that hazard must be assessed and measures taken to reduce the risk such as:

- The provision of edge protection,
- Use of scaffold or working platform.
- Use of fall-arrest or fall prevention system,
- Use of ladders.

When using any/or a combination of the above measures, adequate training, instruction and supervision must be given. Safe work procedures have been developed and must be followed when working at heights. If working from a height of 2 or more meters, it is a requirement under regulation 3.143 of the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 to have completed a Safe Method Statement and for the SWMS to be present on site.

Often a job may require access to plant rooms via walkways, platforms, and stairs. These must comply with AS1657. Should adequate access not be available, and a risk of falling is likely, fall arrest equipment may be required or a scaffold erected in accordance with AS4576-1995.



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