

WORK AT HEIGHT CAN BE CONDUCTED SAFELY

Working on roofs

When working on roofs without safety measures, falls may occur:

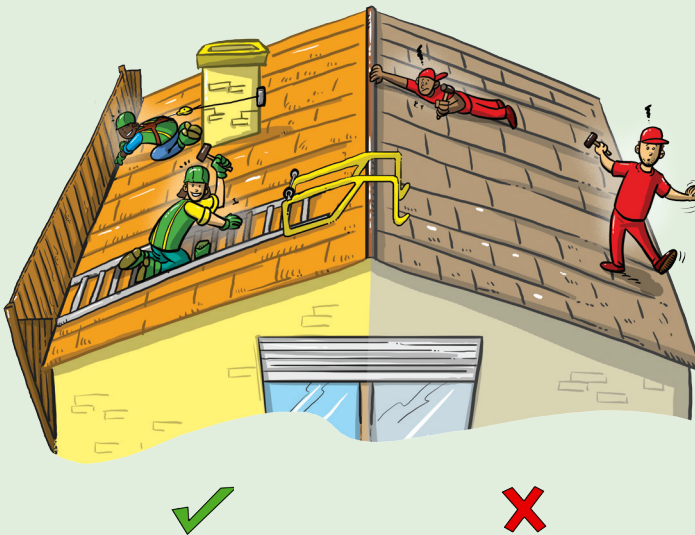
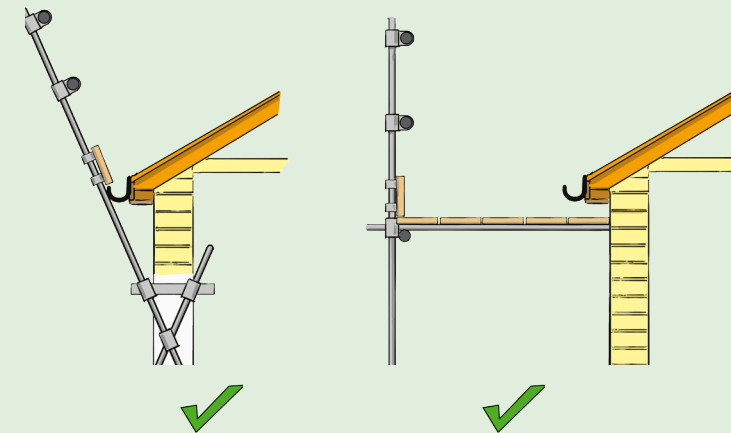
- From the edges of the roofs
- Through gaps or holes in the roofs
- Through fragile roofing material and roof lights

All roof work should be pre-planned, properly supervised and only undertaken by workers with the necessary knowledge and competence for such work. All workplaces from where there is a risk of falling should be adequately guarded.



Control measures to prevent workers from falling may include an upper guard rail at approximately 1 meter and an intermediate guard rail at a height of approximately 0.5 meter above the working platform. A toe board should also be present to prevent objects falling on to persons below.

When work is being carried out on sloping roofs, sufficient and suitable edge protection at eaves level will normally be required.



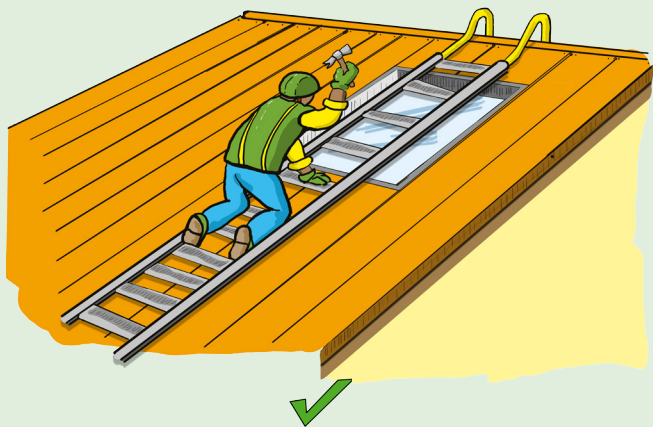
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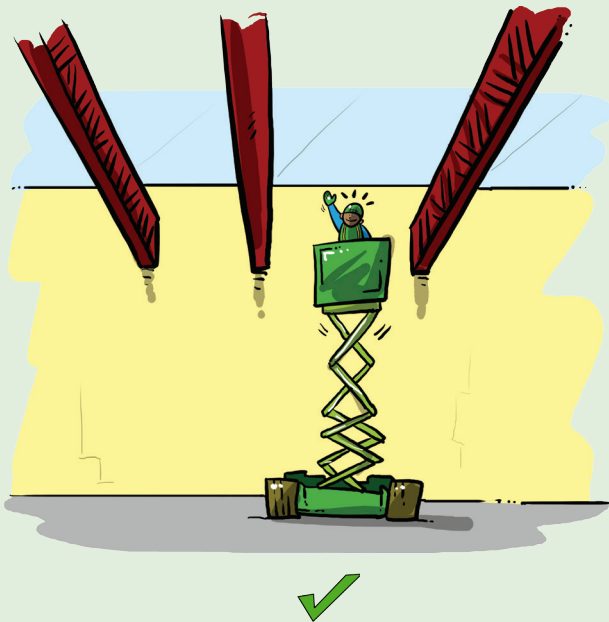
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Wherever guard-rails and toe-boards cannot be provided alternative measures are required, for example safety nets or safety harnesses attached to secure anchor points.

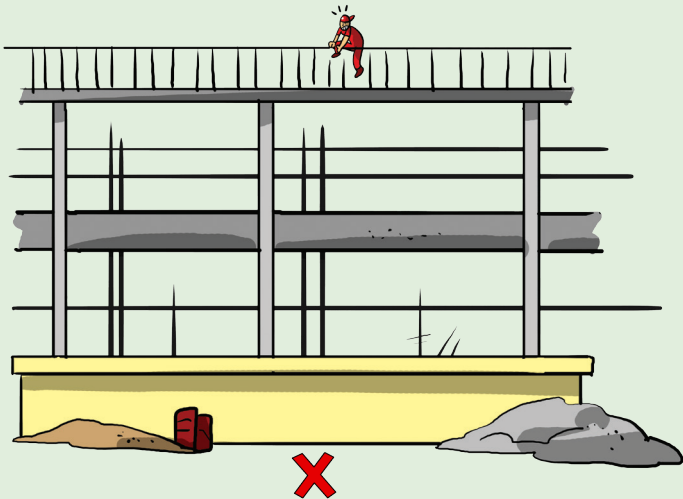
CAUTION If the roof contains fragile material, place crawling boards, coverings or other suitable control measures to prevent workers falling through the roof.



When erecting steel framed industrial roofs, the risk of falls can be reduced by providing a mobile elevated working platform.



360° protection is required at all work areas where there is a risk of falling. This is achieved by double guard rails, toe-boards and ensuring a minimum gap between the working platforms and any structure. Safety netting and safety harnesses can also be used to enhance safety. However these do not prevent a fall but mitigate the consequences of the fall.



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