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Working at height – ladders, walkways and handrails

Employers have the responsibility to ensure that equipment designed to protect those working at height is inspected in accordance with UK health and safety legislation.

Failing to correctly manage these risks could have far reaching consequences - leading to physical, financial and reputational losses.

Both the Work at Height and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations require equipment to be examined after it's been installed or assembled, before being used, and at suitable intervals thereafter.

There is also a requirement for work equipment exposed to conditions which may cause deterioration, which is liable to result in dangerous situations, to be examined.

Types of equipment include:

- walkways
- gangways
- stairways
- fixed and free-standing handrails
- fixed access ladders
- guard-rails
- toe-board
- barriers or similar means of protection
- work platforms
- modular tower scaffolds.

Depending on the size of a location, identifying these items which should be examined can be a straight forward process. But when property or portfolio sizes increase, the complexity of the management of these risks can also increase.

How we can help

Our engineer surveyors are experienced in identifying this equipment and work with customers' to ensure that it's examined in accordance with these regulations.

Following an examination, our engineer surveyors provide an inspection report, noting any defects that require attention and rectification along with any observations and recommendations relating to the on-going safety of the equipment or installation.

For further information

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