

# The Work At Height Regulations 2005

## Falling objects

**10.** - (1) Every employer shall, where necessary to prevent injury to any person, take suitable and sufficient steps to prevent, so far as is reasonably practicable, the fall of any material or object.

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*Regulation 10 states that every employer must take steps to prevent the fall of any material or object*

## SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 8(b)

### REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING PLATFORMS

#### PART 1

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL WORKING PLATFORMS

#### Safety on working platforms

**5.** A working platform shall –

(a) be of sufficient dimensions to permit the safe passage of persons and the safe use of any plant or materials required to be used and to provide a safe working area having regard to the work being carried out there;

(b) possess a suitable surface and, in particular, be so constructed that the surface of the working platform has no gap –

(i) through which a person could fall;

(ii) through which any material or object could fall and injure a person; or

(iii) giving rise to other risk of injury to any person, unless measures have been taken to protect persons against such risk; and

(c) be so erected and used, and maintained in such condition, as to prevent, so far as is reasonably practicable –

(i) the risk of slipping or tripping; or

(ii) any person being caught between the working platform and any adjacent structure.

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*Schedule 3, Part 1 states that a working platform must be constructed so that there is no gap through which any material or object can fall*

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