
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare)
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Fragile material

7.—(1) Suitable and sufficient steps shall be taken to prevent any person from falling through any fragile material.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1)—

- (a) a person shall not pass across, or work on or from, fragile material through which he would be liable to fall 2 metres or more unless suitable and sufficient platforms, coverings or other similar means of support are provided and used so that the weight of any person so passing or working is supported by such supports; and
- (b) a person shall not pass or work near fragile material through which he would be liable to fall 2 metres or more unless there are provided suitable and sufficient guard-rails, coverings or other similar means for preventing, so far as is reasonably practicable, any person so passing or working from falling through that material; and
- (c) where any person may pass across or near or work on or near fragile material through which, were it not for the provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), he would be liable to fall 2 metres or more, prominent warning notices shall be affixed at the approach to the place where the material is situated.