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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 735**

**The Work at Height Regulations 2005**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1974 Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974;

“access” and “egress” include ascent and descent;

“construction work” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of [<sup>F1</sup>the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations [<sup>F2</sup>2015]];

“fragile surface” means a surface which would be liable to fail if any reasonably foreseeable loading were to be applied to it;

“ladder” includes a fixed ladder and a stepladder;

“line” includes rope, chain or webbing;

“the Management Regulations” means the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 <sup>M1</sup>;

“personal fall protection system” means—

(a) a fall prevention, work restraint, work positioning, fall arrest or rescue system, other than a system in which the only safeguards are collective safeguards; or

(b) rope access and positioning techniques;

“suitable” means suitable in any respect which it is reasonably foreseeable will affect the safety of any person;

“work at height” means—

(a) work in any place, including a place at or below ground level;

(b) obtaining access to or egress from such place while at work, except by a staircase in a permanent workplace,

where, if measures required by these Regulations were not taken, a person could fall a distance liable to cause personal injury;

“work equipment” means any machinery, appliance, apparatus, tool or installation for use at work (whether exclusively or not) and includes anything to which regulation 8 and Schedules 2 to 6 apply;

“working platform”—

(a) means any platform used as a place of work or as a means of access to or egress from a place of work;

(b) includes any scaffold, suspended scaffold, cradle, mobile platform, trestle, gangway, gantry and stairway which is so used.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to the keeping of a report or copy of a report or plan shall include reference to its being kept in a form—

(a) in which it is capable of being reproduced as a printed copy when required;

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(b) which is secure from loss or unauthorised interference.

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.4.2007) by [The Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/320\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 5](#) (with reg. 3)
- F2** Word in reg. 2(1) substituted (6.4.2015) by [The Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/51\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 5](#) (with reg. 3, Sch. 4)

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** [S.I. 1999/3242](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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