
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 735

The Work at Height Regulations 2005

Selection of work equipment for work at height

- 7.—(1) Every employer, in selecting work equipment for use in work at height, shall—
- (a) give collective protection measures priority over personal protection measures; and
 - (b) take account of—
 - (i) the working conditions and the risks to the safety of persons at the place where the work equipment is to be used;
 - (ii) in the case of work equipment for access and egress, the distance to be negotiated;
 - (iii) the distance and consequences of a potential fall;
 - (iv) the duration and frequency of use;
 - (v) the need for easy and timely evacuation and rescue in an emergency;
 - (vi) any additional risk posed by the use, installation or removal of that work equipment or by evacuation and rescue from it; and
 - (vii) the other provisions of these Regulations.
- (2) An employer shall select work equipment for work at height which—
- (a) has characteristics including dimensions which—
 - (i) are appropriate to the nature of the work to be performed and the foreseeable loadings; and
 - (ii) allow passage without risk; and
 - (b) is in other respects the most suitable work equipment, having regard in particular to the purposes specified in regulation 6.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Work at Height Regulations 2005, Section 7.