

Work Method Statement: Use of Work Platforms

Activity	What are the <u>Hazards</u> ? (What has the potential to cause injury?)	What is the <u>Risk</u> ? (From Risk Calculator – see below)	How are you going to <u>Control</u> the Hazard and minimise the risk of injury? A HAZARD MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF ONE OR MORE CONTROL MEASURES - CROSS OUT / DELETE CONTROL MEASURES NOT USED	Who is going to <u>Monitor and Review</u> it and <u>How</u> ?
Use of Elevated Work Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled fall from height 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Only use competent person to operate the Elevated Work Platform (EWP). Check the operating area for potential obstacles and uneven surfaces prior to use. Wear appropriate safety harness when using a boom type EWP. Do not exceed the Safe Working Load of the EWP (as written on the EWP). Do not use EWPs within 3m of power line poles or 8m of power line towers. Do not use master (ground level) controls when people are on the platform, unless in the case of emergency. 	<p>Name:</p> <p>Signature:</p>
Use of fabricated working platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled fall from height 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secure the work platform if edge protection is required (more than 3m) Use platforms designed by an engineer that are not less than 450mm in width or length. <p>If using a 225mm platform only perform “<u>Light Work</u>” (see definition below).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The internal space between work surfaces and plank edge will not exceed 225mm. 	<p>Method (How):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual inspection as required Workers supervised as required

Light Work: Work done at LESS THAN 3 metres, and can include: Painting; installing a roof gutter, A/C duct, metal fascia, or lighting; placing pine roof trusses in position on the roof of a low-set house; performing inspections or tests; installing an electrical connection.

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RISK RATING CALCULATOR	Likelihood			
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Use of work platform provided by others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled fall from height 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Before using the scaffold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform a visual check of the structure, and Check that it is effective at preventing a person from falling. Do not alter or remove guard railing provided. If defective, request rectification before using. 	
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Scaffolding Ratings:

Heavy Duty Scaffolding: 675 kg/bay

Medium Duty Scaffolding: 450 kg/bay

Light Duty Scaffolding: 225 kg/bay

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