

Talk No. 13	WORK		
Start time	End	Duration	

1. **Introduction:**

- 1.1 Roof work is inherently dangerous and results in a significant number of serious accidents every year. It is a statistic.

2. **Main Points:**

- 2.1 Is it necessary to access the roof? Are there alternatives such as tower ladders, mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPS) etc?
- 2.2 A risk assessment should be carried out on every roof to be worked on.
- 2.3 Only suitably trained and competent persons are permitted to work on roofs.

3. **Points to remember**

- 3.1 A safe method of working must be identified before commencing any roof work.
- 3.2 Consider methods of access and egress. The method must be safe.
- 3.3 Suitable and sufficient fall protection must be provided to prevent falls of persons and materials (e.g. guard-rails etc) — physical protection!
- 3.4 Hazard tape, rope etc must be used to ensure employees are not going to go over the edge.
- 3.5 Identify all openings and ensure they are covered over them.
- 3.6 Suitable crawling boards must be provided for sloping and/or fragile roofs (unless otherwise specified).
- 3.7 Where crawling boards are used near leading edges/openings the boards must be fitted.
- 3.8 Where it is impracticable to provide physical protection then safety harnesses must be worn and suitably anchored.
- 3.9 Always consider the weather. Wind and/or icy conditions can seriously impact on roof work.
- 3.10 Consider how you are going to get the materials (hoists etc) and waste down.
- 3.11 Consider recovery procedures in the event of an accident, i.e. a person hanging from a safe etc.

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ATTENTION SHEET

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All operatives **listed and signed** below Box Talk.

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