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Talk No. 13		ROOF WORK
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1. Introduction:

1.1 Roof work is inherently dangerous and results in a significant number of serious accidents every year. It is a significant number of 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 work must be used for any roof work commencing.
- 3.2 Consider methods of access. 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 should be used within 2m of a leading edge.
- 3.5 Identify all openings and cover 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 use crawling boards then safety harnesses must be worn and suitably anchored.
- 3.9 Always consider the effect of wind and/or icy conditions can seriously impact on roof work.
- 3.10 Consider how you are going to get up (hoists etc) and waste down.
- 3.11 Consider recovery procedures in the event of an accident, i.e. a person falling down from the roof etc.

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All operatives **listed and signed** below

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