

<b>Talk No:</b> 13	<b>Title:</b> ROOF WORK
<p><b>Introduction:</b> Roof work is inherently hazardous and results in a significant number of serious accidents every year. Don't become a statistic.</p>	
<p><b>Main points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Is it necessary to actually go on the roof? Are there alternatives such as tower scaffolds, mobile elevated work platforms (MEWPs), etc.?</li> <li>– A risk assessment should be carried out for every roof to be worked on.</li> <li>– Only suitably trained operatives should be permitted to work on roofs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A safe method of work must be agreed prior to any roof work commencing.</li> <li>– Consider methods of access/egress – these must be safe.</li> <li>– Suitable and sufficient edge protection must be provided to prevent falls of both persons and materials (scaffolding, guard-rails, etc.) – physical protection!</li> <li>– Hazard tape, rope etc., can only be used where employees are not going to go within 2m of a leading edge, opening, etc.</li> <li>– Identify all openings and securely guard or cover them.</li> <li>– Suitable crawling boards and roof ladders must be provided for sloping and/or fragile roofs (unless suitable battening is to be used).</li> <li>– Where crawling boards are to be used for access/egress or used near leading edges/openings then guard-rails, intermediate guard-rails and toe-boards must be fitted.</li> <li>– Where it is impractical to provide edge protection then safety harnesses must be worn and suitable anchor points utilised.</li> <li>– Always consider the weather – wet, windy and/or icy conditions can seriously impact on roof work.</li> <li>– Consider how you are going to get stores up (hoists, etc) and waste down (rubbish chutes, etc.).</li> <li>– Consider recovery procedures in the event of an accident, i.e. a person hanging from a safety line, getting a casualty down from the roof etc.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PREVENTING AN ACCIDENT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE – REPAIRING A BROKEN BODY ISN'T!</b></p>	
<p><b>Notes:</b></p>	