



Working at Height - THE RISKS

Working at height is seen as the main cause injuries and deaths in the workplace. Keeping you safe is at the heart of everything we do at Guardsman.

Due to the elevated risk of injury, it is necessary to have the most reliable equipment to enable you to carry out the task at hand safely.

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The Law

In 2005, the Work at Height Regulations (WAH) were introduced. This has been in force since and needs to be applied to all worktypes and environments where the risk of a fall and injury is present.

For more information on this regulation, please go to:

www.hse.gov.uk/falls/regulations.htm

Employers have a responsibility to ensure adequate precautions and assessments have been carried out to prevent injuries at work. With this in mind, appropriate equipment must be provided to staff before any work is carried out.

The Statistics

Between 2013-2018 Almost half of the fatal injuries to workers over the last five years were accounted for by just two different accident kinds – falls from a height and being struck by a moving vehicle.

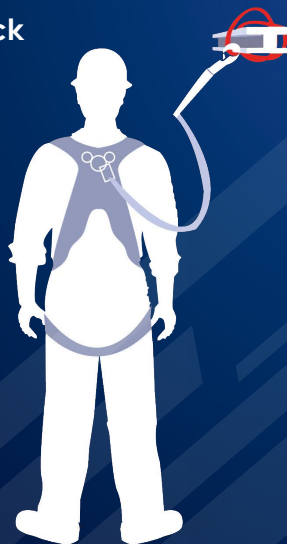
– Falls from a height accounted for **26%** of all fatal injuries (an average of 37 fatal injuries per year).

Half of all fall from height deaths over the last five years were in the construction sector (annual average 19 per year).

Information source: www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causinj/kinds-of-accident.pdf

Choose The Right Equipment

A Back



Anchor Devices

Attach the connecting devices to the anchoring point which include steel anchors, I-beam, Scaffolding or any other structural point or temporary certified anchorages.

B Front



Body harnesses

These should be appropriate to what PPE is being used. It should allow easy movement and must be relevant for the work type.

C Back



Connecting devices

Connect the users full body harness to the connecting device.
Type of devices include:
- Lanyards which are shock absorbing
- Self retracting lifeline blocks
- Fall limiters
- Rope grabs