

Dropped Item Prevention Presentation

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Warning
Falling objects



Leading Edge Training is not only recognised industry wide, but Leading Edge Safety course have become a mandatory requirement for many blue chip companies.

Our extensive in house safety knowledge, expertise and unique customer tailored solutions make a powerful addition to the safety industry.

Our vision is to continually improve safety in the work place and set whole new standards. As a company we strive to provide unrivalled technical competency and expertise.



Large City centre development, numerous contractors working at height over busy high street.

Leading Edge approached to provide tailored solution for tool retention following a near miss incident .

Bespoke tool lanyards and tethering solutions, designed, manufactured and tested in very short space of time.

Tethering solutions allowed for existing tools to be adapted without the significant cost of replacement working at height tools.

Statistically, falling objects are among the leading causes of fatalities and injuries in the UK workplace.*

FATALITIES	-	15
MAJOR INJURIES	-	3223
+3 DAYS OFF WORK	-	11981



*RIDDDOR / Health and Safety Executive 2008/2009 report



Are you breaking the law without knowing it?

Falling Objects

Regulations 10 and 11



39. Where it is necessary to prevent injury, you must do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent anything falling.

40. If it not reasonably practicable, you must ensure that no one is injured by anything falling.

41. You must ensure that nothing is:

- thrown or tipped from height if it is likely to injure anyone;
- stored in such a way that its movement is likely to injure anyone.

42. If the workplace contains an area in which there is a risk of someone being struck by a falling object or person, you must ensure that the area is clearly indicated and that (as far as reasonably practicable) unauthorised people are unable to reach it.



Prosecution (Corporate)

Failure to provide safe systems of work or to comply with the legislation exposes the corporate entity, individual directors and management to prosecution, either jointly or severally.

Prosecution (Individual)

If it can be proven that safe systems of work have been implemented by the “organisation / employer” and that the individual responsible for an incident had not followed the recognised practise or procedures in place then the liability for prosecution can fall to the individual concerned, their immediate supervisor and/or line management chain.

Implication (Corporate / Individual)

This neglect could result in imprisonment, and punitive damages leading to financial ruin (where the legal view is that profits have been put before safety) and a Companies house ban.



A growing number of major principle construction contactors are now leading the way in making their sites strictly „**Tethered Tools Only**’ as the HSE are focusing on this area with the increase in reported accidents recently. This trend is also being mirrored within utility, offshore oil and gas, refinery, process and power sectors.

Dropped tools, debris or materials can strike persons below, causing serious injury or death. Risk assessment should identify work areas where objects may fall from, and the method statement list the appropriate control measures that will be taken.



It's generally accepted that hands tools can be grouped into three reasons for tools being dropped:

1. During use when vigorous motion along with other factors can result in the user losing grip.
2. Transportation, when tools are moved or carried to work area, lapses in concentration, and or accidental collision with co-workers or structures.
3. Post use, where tools are left behind or unattended and could unintentionally fall due to platform movement, vibration or human intervention.



Hand Tool Lanyards

Heavy Tool Lanyards

Tool Tethers

Tool Bags

Rucksacks

Barrel Bags

Belts



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Leading Edge website. At the top left is the 'LEADINGEDGE' logo with the tagline 'Working at height solutions'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'TRAINING', 'PRODUCTS', 'GUIDANCE', 'SHOP', 'COMPANY', and 'CONTACT'. Below the navigation is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'Search'. The main content area features a large banner image of a worker in a red hard hat and high-visibility vest, with the text 'Providing Working At Height Safety Solutions'. Below the banner are two columns: 'Working At Height Safety Training' and 'Working At Height Safety Products'. The 'Working At Height Safety Products' column contains a list of benefits: 'Best Price', 'Highest Quality', 'No Middle Man', 'Huge Savings', and 'Made in the UK'. At the bottom of the page are three buttons: 'General Height Training', 'Construction Height Training', and 'Height Safety Products'. The footer contains contact information, a 'NOW OPEN' badge, and social media icons for YouTube and RSS.

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