



## Minimum Standard for Working at Height Over Land and Working Aloft

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<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform people of the minimum safety standards that must be met when working at height on land at Vessel Works.
<b>Definitions:</b>	<p><b>Working at height:</b> means working in a place where a person could be injured if they fell from one level to another (<b>this includes</b> vessels which have areas of no handrails).</p> <p>Work at height does not include slipping, tripping or falling at the same level.</p> <p><b>Working aloft or overside:</b> means work being performed outboard of a vessel's hull or superstructure at a height and involves risk of falling.</p> <p><b>Construction work:</b> includes assemble, erect, reconstruct, reassemble, and re-erect. This does not include maintenance and repair work of a minor or routine nature.</p>
<b>Minimum Standards:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working aloft or overside is not permitted on the Vessel Works hardstand. MEWP's or scaffold must be used to complete this type of work.</li> <li>• Working on vertical structures/bridge decks is permitted so long as there is no aloft or overside risk and that minimum standards are followed.</li> <li>• Fall prevention systems must be used (e.g. temporary barriers, railings).</li> <li>• People working at height must be briefed on the risks they are exposed to.</li> <li>• Risk assessment must be carried out before beginning work, which includes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consideration of surrounding area and work activities</li> <li>○ Consideration of potential weather events</li> <li>○ Falling objects</li> <li>○ Use of fall restraints and/or fall protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Emergency scenarios must be prepared for and rescue plans must be in place.</li> <li>• Follow Worksafe's Best Practice Guidelines for Working at Heights 2012.</li> <li>• Ladders must not be leant against a vessel/platform without being restrained/attached to the vessel/platform. Ladders cannot be used as long-term access solutions to a vessel, access platforms/stairs must be used.</li> <li>• If completing <i>construction</i> work with a risk of falling 5 metres or more WorkSafe must be notified (0800 030 040) with a minimum of 24 hours' notice. This is required under Regulation 26 of the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations (1995).</li> </ul>
<b>Further Information:</b>	<p><i>Best Practice Guidelines for Working at Heights in New Zealand 2019</i></p> <p><a href="https://forms.worksafe.govt.nz/hazardous-work-notification">https://forms.worksafe.govt.nz/hazardous-work-notification</a></p> <p><i>Working at height edge protection</i></p> <p><a href="#">521WKS-6-working-at-height-edge-protection.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Safe working practice for ladders</i></p> <p><a href="#">Safe working with ladders and stepladders   WorkSafe</a></p>
<b>Competency:</b>	<i>Competent person:</i> is someone that has the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out a particular task. This may be acquired through training, qualification, experience, or a combination of these.