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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Work at Height Regulations 2005**

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**THE WORK AT HEIGHT REGULATIONS 2005**

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SCHEDULE 1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING PLACES OF WORK AND MEANS OF ACCESS OR EGRESS AT HEIGHT

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

SCHEDULE 2 — REQUIREMENTS FOR GUARD-RAILS, TOE-BOARDS,  
BARRIERS AND SIMILAR COLLECTIVE MEANS OF  
PROTECTION

1. Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Schedule...
2. Means of protection shall— (a) be of sufficient dimensions, of...
3. In relation to work at height involved in construction work—...
4. Any structure or part of a structure which supports means...
5. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), there shall not be a...

SCHEDULE 3 — REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING PLATFORMS  
PART 1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL WORKING PLATFORMS

1. Interpretation
2. Condition of surfaces
3. Stability of supporting structure
4. Stability of working platforms
5. Safety on working platforms
6. Loading

PART 2 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCAFFOLDING

7. Additional requirements for scaffolding
8. Depending on the complexity of the scaffolding selected, an assembly,...
9. A copy of the plan, including any instructions it may...
10. The dimensions, form and layout of scaffolding decks shall be...
11. While a scaffold is not available for use, including during...
12. Scaffolding may be assembled, dismantled or significantly altered only under...

SCHEDULE 4 — REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLECTIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR  
ARRESTING FALLS

1. Any reference in this Schedule to a safeguard is to...
2. A safeguard shall be used only if—
3. A safeguard shall be suitable and of sufficient strength to...
4. A safeguard shall— (a) in the case of a safeguard...
5. Suitable and sufficient steps shall be taken to ensure, so...

SCHEDULE 5 — REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONAL FALL PROTECTION  
SYSTEMS

PART 1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERSONAL FALL PROTECTION  
SYSTEMS

1. A personal fall protection system shall be used only if—...
2. A personal fall protection system shall— (a) be suitable and...
3. A personal fall protection system designed for use with an...
4. Suitable and sufficient steps shall be taken to prevent any...

PART 2 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK POSITIONING  
SYSTEMS

PART 3 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ROPE ACCESS AND  
POSITIONING TECHNIQUES

1. A rope access or positioning technique shall be used only...
2. Taking the risk assessment into account and depending in particular...
3. The system may comprise a single rope where—

PART 4 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL ARREST  
SYSTEMS

1. A fall arrest system shall incorporate a suitable means of...
2. A fall arrest system shall not be used in a...

## PART 5 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

### SCHEDULE 6 — REQUIREMENTS FOR LADDERS

1. Every employer shall ensure that a ladder is used for...
2. Any surface upon which a ladder rests shall be stable,...
3. A ladder shall be so positioned as to ensure its...
4. A suspended ladder shall be attached in a secure manner...
5. A portable ladder shall be prevented from slipping during use...
6. A ladder used for access shall be long enough to...
7. No interlocking or extension ladder shall be used unless its...
8. A mobile ladder shall be prevented from moving before it...
9. Where a ladder or run of ladders rises a vertical...
10. Every ladder shall be used in such a way that—...

### SCHEDULE 7 — PARTICULARS TO BE INCLUDED IN A REPORT OF INSPECTION

1. The name and address of the person for whom the...
2. The location of the work equipment inspected.
3. A description of the work equipment inspected.
4. The date and time of the inspection.
5. Details of any matter identified that could give rise to...
6. Details of any action taken as a result of any...
7. Details of any further action considered necessary.
8. The name and position of the person making the report....

### SCHEDULE 8 — REVOCATION OF INSTRUMENTS

Explanatory Note