



## **Work at Height Policy 2020**

All work at height undertaken will be carried out within the scope of The Work at Height Regulations 2005 (WAHR'05) and in accordance with the NASC publication SG4:15.

All work at height will be subject to a documented risk assessment being undertaken.

Predominately Mattison Scaffolding Ltd operate as a sub-contractor, but before any work at height is undertaken on a principal contractors premises, the Mattison Scaffolding Ltd representative will communicate with the principal contractor and satisfy himself that the work has been planned and suitable equipment has been selected in respect of access, edge protection and fall protection.

Mattison Scaffolding Ltd will ensure that the hierarchy or controls (as defined in the WAHR'05) is adhered to:

Work at Height is avoided where possible, i.e. done at ground level and lifted into place;

If avoidance is not possible, equipment will be selected to prevent a possible fall, this will be achieved by the use of scaffold, edge protection, birdcage scaffold, powered access platforms and suitable access methods, i.e. stair towers;

Where it is not possible to prevent a fall, a method will be used to mitigate the consequences of a fall i.e. fall nets, soft landing systems or personal fall arrest equipment (harnesses).

Where harnesses are used by personnel, appropriate and approved training in the use of the PPE equipment will be given.

Where harnesses are used on site an emergency plan will be available for the safe rescue of any persons using such equipment.

In all cases Mattison Scaffolding Ltd will ensure:

- All work at height is planned and organised.
- Weather conditions are taken into account.
- The location of the work place is safe.
- All operatives undertaking the work at height are trained and competent.
- The equipment selected for work at height is appropriately inspected.
- The risk from fragile materials i.e. roof lights, asbestos is controlled.
- The risk from falling materials is controlled.

Other access and work platforms can be used, i.e. ladders and steps, but only after more appropriate methods have been exhausted, and only for short duration, following appropriate risk assessment.

**A signed statement of the Company Policy is available and issued to all who request it.**