

HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMME

FALLS FROM HEIGHTS CAMPAIGN



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Did you know ...

50%

**of falls from height are from
less than three metres**

and most of these falls are from ladders and
single-storey roofs



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Did you know ...

\$24 million

is the estimated annual cost of falls from height in the construction industry



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Falls from height are preventable

- More injuries happen on residential building sites than any other construction workplace
- Builders, roofers, electrical workers, painters, and decorators are the most likely to fall at work
- Employers and contractors with staff working at height must actively manage this significant hazard
- Everyone is responsible for preventing falls



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What is the Department doing

a three year campaign to reduce the number of falls from height in construction

- **engagement** – raising awareness through construction organisations, associations and councils
- **education** – clarifying what safe looks like and providing information about best practices
- **enforcement** – targeted and consistent across the country from July 2012



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Information for safe work

- best practice guidelines
- toolkits of factsheets
- posters
- radio ads
- www.dol.govt.nz
- call 0800 20 90 20



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How to work safely at height

- Identify the hazard of working at height
- Select controls to manage the hazard
- Manage contractors effectively



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Identify the hazard

- Physical inspections
- Task analysis
- Process analysis
- Analysis of accident investigation details



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Manage the hazard

- Can work at height be avoided?
- Can a fall be prevented?
- Can equipment be used to minimise the distance and/or consequences of a fall?
- Can additional training and other measures be taken?



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Select hazard controls

- Group Control Measures
 - Passive
- Personal Control Measures
 - Active



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Managing contractors

- Plan and prepare for the work
- Ensure the contractor is up to the job
- Provide information and resources for contractors
- Monitor the performance of the contract



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Doing nothing is not an option

From 1 July - targeted enforcement

- worksite visits
- looking for duty holders who are cutting corners
- enforcement continues until compliance improves
- infringement notices will be issued for repeated failures



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