

# 'Safe Work at Height – No Excuses' Campaign

This August Chalcroft are re-launching their work at height campaign under the slogan 'Safe Work at Height – No Excuses'. The purpose of the campaign, which was originally launched in 2012, is to raise awareness to the risks of working at height and promote the safe and correct use of work at height equipment.

Work at height incidents still remains one of the biggest causes of fatalities and major injuries with some of the most common cases being falls from ladders and through fragile surfaces.

As part of the campaign we are writing to all of our contractors advising them of the campaign and where to get guidance, displaying WAH posters and leaflets on sites and offices, carrying out training sessions with all Chalcroft Site Managers and Supervisors, issuing upon request safe work at height presentations and; increasing the focus and enforcement through site inspections and audits on working at height operations to ensure appropriate controls have been planned and are in place.

The following; **Avoid – Prevent – Arrest** is a simple hierarchy of control that should be followed when planning any work at height activities.

- **Avoid** work at height where it's reasonably practicable. This means balancing the level of risk against the measures needed to control the real risk in terms of money, time or trouble.
- Where work at height cannot be easily avoided, **prevent** falls using either an existing place of work that is already safe or the right type of equipment.
- **Minimise** the distance and consequences of a fall, by using the right type of equipment where the risk cannot be eliminated.

Chalcroft take a **zero tolerance stance to unsafe working at height** and whilst enforcement through our Yellow Card warning and Red Card removal from site procedure is a last resort, it will be instigated where it is warranted. In the first instance however Chalcroft want to work with our contractors to ensure they understand the level of controls required, implement the right controls and ensure the work is completed on time, to a quality standard and safely.

We encourage you to raise the awareness of this campaign with your employees and subcontractors and enforce the message that there are no excuses to unsafe working at height and a zero tolerance to unsafe practices will be taken.

If you require any advice or assistance or would like a copy of the WAH presentation please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the EHS Department.

For further information on safe WAH visit the HSE's website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>

Kind regards,



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