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Dear << Test First Name >>

Welcome to the December 2014 Height Safety News. This month we put the spotlight on false-work layouts and edge protection, introduce the holy grail of height safety, report on an edge protection failure, and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Hazardous Temporary Edge Protection

The most common mistake in the installation of temporary edge protection, is installing on the secondary false-work beam, when running in line with the protected edge. Nothing is holding this secondary beam to the structure, and a failure of the edge protection and the beam is an accident waiting to happen. I have at last realised the cause of this regular oversight on the part of the edge protection installers, and I recognise that I have been addressing the wrong group with training and inspection feedback.

The false-work designers are the cause, as they fail to include the "over-sail" of the primary beams on their layout drawings. The false-work erectors follow the

drawing, laying the beams out to the lengths indicated and not accommodating the additional space needed to support the edge protection post clamps... (they also waste significant quantities of ply by notching around the clamps).

The edge protection systems are all designed in a similar way, and if we can get this message across to those who draw the false-work layouts, we will solve the most common problem in the use of this equipment.

(.. please also note that technical confirmation should have been requested to add the debris overlay to the edge protection. This increases the wind load significantly).



Remote Control Crane Hook

The opportunity to
avoid working at



7m Fatal Fall

A significant fine has
been imposed after a
fatal fall on a roof
sheeting project in late

height is the "holy grail" of height safety, and the Elebia remote control crane hook delivers just that. At last this simple, robust, effective, solution is making itself known within construction. It is available through a number of plant hire companies, and has been purchased for use on some of the largest and most carefully managed projects, like Crossrail. Check it out at [Red Plant](#)

2010. Safety nets were in place on the project, however it was the standard of edge protection provided proved to be the cause. the roof pitch was 20 degrees which demands a higher Class of edge protection within EN 13374.

Read the fully story at [PP Construction Safety](#)



Happy Christmas !

Thank you all for your support and business during 2014. I wish you a decent break, a great Christmas, and very best wishes for a fabulous 2015.

I hope to catch up with you then !

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