

You have either asked to be kept updated on Height Safety information, or have attended a Higher Safety managers training course.

[View this email in your browser](#)

If you don't wish to continue receiving these news updates please unsubscribe via the link at the foot of this news letter.



November 2014

Dear << Test First Name >>

Welcome to the November 2014 Height Safety News.

This month we remind you of the statistical impact that Work at Height has, we look at a straight forward principle to avoid work at height and where it could lead, and we identify the simple fix for poor false-work edge protection.



Poor Work at Height is the Big Issue.

HSE have just completed a month long site blitz, focussed on refurbishment projects. They visited 1750 sites, found unacceptable working practice on 700, and issued notices on 350.

Throughout, 42% of all issues related to Work at Height. As Phil White, HSE Chief Inspector of Construction, said, **"a significant part of the industry is seriously failing its workers."**

The [Idiots on Ladders competition](#) has highlighted the issue, perhaps this is not such a constructive contest ? In spite of the well known historical data and the readily understood impact of falls, so many still abdicate from the detailed planning and preparation required for safe work at height. They just leave it to the guys.

To learn more about this and to receive the latest news

on Construction safety matters, register for the news service from [PP Construction Safety](#). For more specific information on Work at Height solutions, contact [Higher Safety](#).



Avoid Work at Height.

The best practice principle of avoiding work at height, is well demonstrated by the [SpaceVav](#) gutter cleaning equipment. There is a wireless video camera mounted on the head, and a reach of 14m. It is not a unique product or concept, but it clearly demonstrates the opportunities and benefits of avoiding work at height.



False-work layout is the key.

The most common error when fitting edge protection to a false-work system, is installation on the secondary beam when it is running parallel with the protected edge. This results in a significant potential failure, and occurs on almost every project I have visited over the years. The edge protection systems are designed to be installed to the primary

The [Elebia](#) remote control crane hook achieves exactly the same huge gains in reducing work at height. It aligns the lifting eye, connects the hook, lifts, lands, and releases all remotely. There are many fail-safe features built in to prevent any inadvertent release. There is therefore no need to work at height.

These products both support the first principle of working at height **..avoid it if you can !**

beams in this orientation, but this detail is frequently overlooked by the installers.

Part of the solution is training and awareness, however the most significant contributor to the creation of this problem, is the temporary works designer who draws the form-work layout. The primary beams are not over-sailed on the drawing, beyond the working deck, to accommodate the edge protection foot. Fix this detail, and the problem will go away.

Higher Safety Project Support.

[Higher Safety](#) can provide project support at any and

every stage of a project, from early design, through planning, construction, operation, and demolition. We provide simple checks and audits, a specific detailed investigation, or on-going project support on a regular basis as the project develops. Contact [Higher Safety](#) to learn more about how we can support your [Safety at Height](#).

www.highersafety.org

Copyright © *2014 Higher Safety Ltd. all rights reserved. Our mailing address is:

info@highersafety.org

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)