

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT Falls from height

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The key to preventing potential risks that may cause harm is being aware of how your personal safety may be compromised, then taking simple steps to protect it at all times.

This safety alert has been issued to remind you of the precautions to take to reduce the risk of falls from height occurring on site. Potential harm includes death, head injuries, broken bones or other injury and illness caused directly or indirectly by falls.

Here are a few tips to protect your personal safety when at a DHA site.

STOP

Before starting work

Conduct a pre-start up risk assessment

- What are the prevention measures in place to stop me falling from one level to another?
- Has safe access been provided?
- What is keeping me safe while I install the fall protection?

THINK

Do I have appropriate controls in place to complete the work safely, such as

- Isolating work areas that may be at risk of objects falling from above
- Sufficient supervision for inexperienced workers or apprentices

DO

Protect yourself and others from falls at all times

- Ensure a safe system of work is maintained and any equipment temporarily moved or access is controlled and replaced as quickly as possible
- Proceed and complete work safely

Report any incidents to DHA

All incidents including near misses must be reported to 139 DHA (342) or whs@dha.gov.au

Further information can be found here:

[Preventing Falls in Housing Construction Code of Practice](#)



FALLS FROM HEIGHT

13,700 workers injured

209 permanently disabled

19 dead

NSW statistic for the last 3 years