



## HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS – ROOFING WORK

1. Suitable precautions must be taken to prevent accidents occurring when roofing systems are being installed.
2. The contractor must ensure that adequate measures are taken to effectively prevent injury to members of the public and other persons using the premises.
3. Where microwave equipment is installed at roof level, care must be taken to prevent persons working on the roof from being exposed to large doses of microwave radiation.
4. Similarly, the contractor should liaise with the client to ensure that there are no extract outlets situated on the roof where noxious or harmful emissions could affect persons working. Suitable precautions will be necessary to prevent exposure where this situation arises.
5. The contractor is responsible for providing adequate fire fighting equipment in the form of extinguishers during work on the roof. These should be kept in easily accessible locations and be suitably signed.
6. Whenever possible, access to the roof should be made via internal staircases rather than by temporary means. Where this is not available, it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure a safe means of access and a safe working place.

As far as roofs are concerned, edge protection in the form of scaffolding or a fixed structure should be in place to a height of 1.1 metres in accordance with the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 or the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.

Failing this, safety harnesses may be worn in exceptional circumstances where this is the only way of preventing falls.

Means of access should be by fixed ladder, passenger hoist or scaffolding.

7. The contractor must ensure that suitable written method statements and risk assessments are available for the work being undertaken. In particular, it is essential that manual handling methods be fully assessed as roofing materials are heavy and can cause serious injury.
8. The contractor must ensure that suitable information about the roof covering is provided to the Client at the end of the work to ensure that work in future can be carried out safely. This information will form part of the Safety File.
9. All persons working on the roof should be provided with, and wear, suitable personal protective equipment and wet weather gear. Training must be provided to all contract staff on the safe use of the equipment.
10. The installer must observe Product Safety Datasheets, relevant to the materials being used.
11. No work must be carried out on fragile roofs or where there are skylights unless suitable precautions have been taken to prevent persons falling through fragile roofs and openings.
12. HSE guidance must be followed when carrying out any work involving interference with asbestos.
13. CDM Regulations 2007, must be observed