





Useful terminology

Working at height

Working at height refers to frequently high-risk work that is undertaken in any place where, if the necessary safety precautions were not in place, a person could accidentally fall and suffer a personal injury.

A hierarchy of safety measures

A risk assessment would be undertaken to determine if the work can be avoided being done at height. However, if there is no other alternative and working at height needs to be carried out, a hierarchy of measures should then be followed to prevent falls from occurring. Some of these measures may include installation of a permanent or temporary handrail, provision of a properly constructed working platform complete with guardrails. If none of these are practicable or where the work is of short duration, suspension equipment could be used, or collective fall arrest equipment could be provided (for example safety nets) or individual fall arrest system could be provided (for example safety harnesses).

Fall arrest

Fall arrest refers to the act of stopping the downward free fall of a person who has acci- dentally fallen(while working at height) with the aid of some supporting equipment. A fall arrest system should offer significant freedom of movement for workers who are carrying out their assigned duties while also protecting them from serious falls when they are working at height.

A fall arrest system is one form of fall protection system that prevents afall from causing seri-ous harm or death. A safety harness and fall arrest lanyard, a retractable fall arrestor/lifeline or an installed vertical lifeline and mobile fall arrestor are all examples of fall arrest systems.

Restraint

Work restraint (when workingat height) refers to the act of removing the risk of a personever accessing a position where they may fall. In other words restraint equipment physically limits the range of movement of the user of the equipment to completely eliminate the risk of a fall. An example of restraint equipment would be a belt or harness and a restraintlanyard.

Work positioning

Work positioning refers in general to the use of equipment (when working at height) to place or securethe user in a particular position to enablethem to work efficiently. Examples of work positioning could include use of a work positioning lanyard attached to a safetyhar-ness or even being suspended on a rope (using rope access equipment). Importantly, using a work positioning system does not remove the need for (or take the place of) a fall arrestsystem. The two systems are often used simultaneously.

Rope access

Rope access (or industrial climbing) is a form of work positioning, which applies practical ropework for workers to access difficult-to-reach locations without the use of scaffolding, cradles or an aerial work platform. Rope access technicians descend, and traverseropesfor access and work while suspended by their harness. Sometimes a work seat (bosunschair) may be used.

The support provided by the rope system is intended to eliminate the likelihood of a fall alto- gether, but a back-up fall arrest system is used in to cover the unlikelyfailure of the rope sys- tem as the primary means of support.

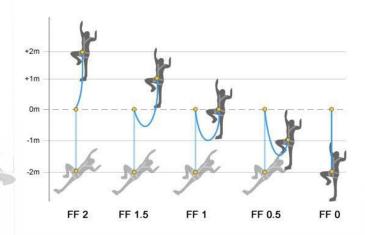
Fall factors

The 'fall factor' is a technical rope access term generally describing the severity of a fall.

The diagram here specifically applies to the use of a harness and fall arrest lanyard (as a fall arrest system).

The fall factor is dependent on the height of the initial anchor point relative to the position of the per- son who falls.

A fall with fall factor of 0 (using the highest possible attachment point) is inherently safer that a fall with fall factor of 2 (the lowest possible attachment point).





Lifelines

Temporary Vertical Lifeline Kit (20m)



Application Fall arrest

System Portable vertical access system with a mobile fall arrestor

connecting to harness, an anchored static rope feeds through

the fall arrestor which locks in event of a fall

Contents a. Anchor sling 150cm

b. Kernmantel static rope 11mm (20m to 50m rope length)

c. Mobile fall arrestor (SR Locker)d. Twist-lock carabiners (2)

e. Gear bag 50

Training Required training: Unit Standard ID: 229998 Explain and perform

fall arrest techniques when working at heights

Be aware Requires a harness with frontal attachment point

Conforms to SANS 50362:2008 Connectors, SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, SANS 50353-2:2003 Guided type fall arrestors, SANS 51891:1998 Low stretch kernmantel ropes

Temporary Horizontal Lifeline Kit (20m)



Application Temporary anchor point

System Portable webbing lifeline with adjustable span (maximum span

between two suitable anchor points is 20m), to secure a maxi mum of two users at any time while using a fall arrest lanyard,

fall arrestor or vertical lifeline

Contents a. Anchor slings 150 (3)

b. 2.5 ton bow shackle connectors (2)

c. Twist-lock carabiner connector (1)

d. Webbing lifeline (20m)

e. Ratchet 50mm

f. Gear bag 50

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Required training: Unit Standard ID: 229998 Explain and perform

fall arrest techniques when working at heights

Conforms to SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, SANS 50362:2008 Connectors



Roofers Kit

Roofers Kit (30m)



Open round & Anchor slings



Application Fall arrest (work at height from ladder or roof)

System Portable vertical access system with a mobile fall arrestor

connecting to harness, an anchored static rope feeds through

the fall arrestor which locks in event of a fall

Contents a. Anchor sling 150cm

b. Kernmantel static rope 11mm (30m) c. Mobile fall arrestor (rope grab) d. Twist-lock carabiners (2) e. Rope edge protectors (2)

f. Gear bag 50

Training Required training: Unit Standard ID: 229998 Explain and perform

fall arrest techniques when working at heights

Be aware Requires a harness with frontal attachment point

Conforms to SANS 50362:2008 Connectors, SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, SANS 50353-2: 2003 Guided type fall arrestors, SANS 51891:1998 Low stretch kernmantel ropes

10.01/Open Round Sling 60cm

Application Open round webbing sling

Set up as an anchor point for a fall arrest lanyard

Features 25mm tubular webbing

Minimum breaking strength of 22kN

10.02/Open Round Sling 120cm

Application Open round webbing sling

Set up as an anchor point for a fall arrest lanyard

Features 25mm tubular webbing

Minimum breaking strength of 22kN

Conforms to SANS 50566:1997 Slings

10.04/Anchor Sling 50cm

Application Flat webbing sling

Set up an anchor point on a structure

Features 45mm webbing

Minimum breaking strength of 22kN

Protective sleeve and steel dee ring at each end

10.03/Anchor Sling 150cm

Application Flat webbing sling

Set up an anchor point on a structure

Features 45mm webbing

Minimum breaking strength of 22kN

Protective sleeve and steel dee ring at each end

Conforms to SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices



Rescue Kit

Basic Rescue Kit (Pick Off Type)



Application Fall arrest rescue

Portable vertical ascending and descending system, rescuer descends to the fall victim and lowers both to safety below System

Contents a. Anchor sling 150cm

b. Kernmantel static rope 11mm (50m to 150m rope length)

c. Double locking descent device (Lory Smart)

d. Jumar with tape ladder, e. Rescue knife

f. Rescue link

g. Twist-lock carabiner connectors (5)

h. Gear bag 50

Required: Unit Standard ID: 229995 Install, use and perform basic rescues from fall arrest systems **Training**

Conforms to SANS 50362:2008 Connectors, SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, EN 341:2011 Descender devices for rescue, SANS 50353-2: 2003 Guided type fall arrestors and SANS 51891:1998 Low stretch kernmantel ropes

Remote Retrieval Rescue Kit



Application Remote fall arrest rescue

Portable vertical ascending and descending system, with setup options for 3:1....4:1....or 5:1 pulley systems System

Contents a. Anchor sling 150cm (2)

b. Kernmantel static rope 11mm (10m to 600m rope length)

c. Extension pole, Kong Frog and connector

d. Rigging plate (medium), e. Lory Smart

f. Double pulley (2) and single pulley (1)

g. Jumar handle (2), h. Tape ladder

i. Twist-lock carabiner connectors (8), j. Gear bag 100

Required: Unit Standard ID: 229995 Install, use and perform basic rescues from fall arrest systems **Training**

Conforms to SANS 50362:2008 Connectors, SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, EN 341:2011 Descender devices for rescue, SANS 50353-2: 2003 Guided type fall arrestors and SANS 51891:1998 Low stretch kernmantel ropes





Rescue Kit

Auto Descender Kit (YIE003)



Application Emergency self-rescue device

Controlled descent device where person self-rescuing safely descends at an automatically limited speed System

Contents a. Anchor sling 150cm

b. Kernmantel static rope 11mm (30m rope length only)

c. Auto descender device (YIE003)) d. Twist-lock carabiner connector

e. Gear bag 50

Maximum descent height of 30m, maximum load of 150kg, descent speed of 0.8m/s to 1.5m/s depending on load Limitations

Training Required: Unit Standard ID: 229998 Explain and perform fall arrest techniques when working at heights

Conforms to SANS 50362:2008 Connectors, SANS 50795:1996 Anchor devices, SANS 50353-2: 2003 Guided type fall arrestors and SANS 51891:1998 Low stretch kernmantel ropes

Disclaimer

Adequate training on correct use of this equipment must be provided to the user by a competent person before this equipment is issued for use. Simply reading the equipment user instructions does not suffice as adequate training. This equipment must not be used by a person with any medical condition that could affect their safety when using the equipment in normal or emergency use. It is recommended that at least every three months the fall arrest system (or component) or other equipment be inspected by a competent person. This equipment is intended to be used for 'fall arrest', 'work restraint' and/or 'rope access' as indicated. This equipment is not intended to be used for any other purpose other than indicated and may not be used outside of its limitations. This equipment becomes obsolete 5 years from manufacture date, regardless of the condition of the equipment. This equipment must be used strictly in accordance with the instructions given and without deviation. This equipment is used entirely outside of the manufacturers control and accordingly the manufacturer cannot be held liable for any loss, claim or liability arising from any failure of this equipment from any cause whatsoever.