Safe Working Above Safety Nets

Toolbox Talk G44

When working at height above safety nets several key factors must be considered, these are detailed in this toolbox talk.

Why Safety Nets

Safety nets are an excellent means of minimising the distance and consequence of a fall should one occur when working at height. The nets are what we refer to as a collective protective measure in that they protect everyone in the area that they are being used.

Who Should Install Safety Nets

Safety nets should be installed by competent net installers who hold the FASET Safety Net Rigger qualification. Evidence of this must be available for inspection on site prior to works commencing.

The installers are the only persons authorised to install, alter or modify safety nets.

How Should Safety Nets be Installed

Safety nets should be installed as high/close as possible to the work area above to minimise the distance of any fall that may occur.

The nets must be installed in a way that ensures they are tight enough to ensure minimum sag when loaded in the event of a fall.

Safety nets must be anchored correctly throughout the structure and no anchors should be attached to any recently constructed walls or into blockwork walls.

At handover a detailed handover certificate should be supplied by the net installation team identifying each net and recording its serial number.

Inspection of Safety Nets - Safety nets should be inspected as follows:

- Nets should be subject to a daily pre use check before work commences.
- Each individually tagged net should be inspected on a weekly basis and the inspection recorded.
- If any person or materials have fallen in to a net subjecting the net to a load which may have caused displacement or deformation, the net must be inspected before further use.
- Always ensure sharp objects or materials are stored correctly to prevent cuts to nets which may result in a weakening of the net.

Rescue from Safety Nets

Where nets are used as a fall mitigation measure a rescue plan must be in place. The rescue plan must consider how someone get out of the safety net should a fall take place.

The rescue plan must consider the ability of the individual to climb from the net but also how an injured or unconscious faller would be removed from the net.

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