

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Readymix or mortar plant **ARTICLE YEAR:** 2002
ACTIVITY: Working at Height **COMPANY:** Tarmac Central
SUB ACTIVITY: N/A **COMPANY LOCATION:** Gawsworth, Cheshire
BEST PRACTICE No: BP67 **COMPANY TEL:** 01260 223477

TITLE

Systematic approach to working at height

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Tarmac™s Area 3 Concrete (at Gawsworth, near Macclesfield) has applied special diligence in their approach to working at height. This included:

- L risk assessments by management
- L drawing up of safe systems of work
- L where a work platform is required, ladders are never used.

Key factors of note include:

- L summary assessment of all Topmix personnel who were regularly involved in working at heights CE primarily fixed plant maintenance personnel
- L tailored training course for maintenance crews. Attendees needed to be in reasonable health, not suffering from vertigo, and have good binocular vision.

The EPIC-approved training course covered:

- L competent use and inspection of safety harnesses
 - L safe use of ladders
 - L safe erecting, use, moving and dismantling of mobile access/scaffold towers
 - L safe set-up and operation of mobile elevating working platforms.
- Inspections and audits focus particularly on standards of handrails and toe-boards, as well as access equipment. Records and reports are produced monthly.

ARTICLE IMAGES