
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Work at Height Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

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**THE WORK AT HEIGHT REGULATIONS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2005**

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 - 1. Any reference in this Schedule to means of protection is...
 - 2. Means of protection shall – (a) be of sufficient dimensions,...
 - 3. In relation to work at height involved in construction work...
 - 4. Any structure or part of a structure which supports means...
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 - 3. A copy of the plan, including any instructions it may...
 - 4. The dimensions, form and layout of scaffolding decks shall be...
 - 5. While a scaffold is not available for use, including during...
 - 6. Scaffolding may be assembled, dismantled or significantly altered only under...
- SCHEDULE 5 REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLECTIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR ARRESTING FALLS
 - 1. Any reference in this Schedule to a safeguard is to...
 - 2. A safeguard shall be used only if –
 - 3. A safeguard shall be suitable and of sufficient strength to...
 - 4. A safeguard shall – (a) in the case of a...
 - 5. Suitable and sufficient steps shall be taken to ensure, so...
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 - 1. A personal fall protection system shall be used only if...
 - 2. A personal fall protection system shall –
 - 3. A personal fall protection system designed for use with an...
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 - 2. Taking the risk assessment into account and depending in particular...
 - 3. The system may comprise a single rope where –
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1. A fall arrest system shall incorporate a suitable means of...
2. A fall arrest system shall not be used in a...

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1. Every employer shall ensure that a ladder is used for...
2. Any surface upon which a ladder rests shall be stable,...
3. A ladder shall be so positioned as to ensure its...
4. A suspended ladder shall be attached in a secure manner...
5. A portable ladder shall be prevented from slipping during use...
6. A ladder used for access shall be long enough to...
7. No interlocking or extension ladder shall be used unless its...
8. A mobile ladder shall be prevented from moving before it...
9. Where a ladder or run of ladders rises a vertical...
10. Every ladder shall be used in such a way that...

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PARTICULARS TO BE INCLUDED IN A REPORT OF
INSPECTION

1. The name and address of the person for whom the...
2. The location of the work equipment inspected.
3. A description of the work equipment inspected.
4. The date and time of the inspection.
5. Details of any matter identified that could give rise to...
6. Details of any action taken as a result of any...
7. Details of any further action considered necessary.
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