

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

WORKING AT HEIGHT POLICY

Introduction

A workplace is “at height” if a person could be injured falling from it (including work above or near a pit). The overriding principle of *The Work at Height Regulations 2005* is that all reasonably practical measures must be taken to prevent anyone falling.

Requirements

- Wherever possible, work at height must be avoided
- Where work at height cannot be avoided, suitable equipment or other measures must be provided to prevent falls or to minimise the distance and consequences should a fall occur.
- To this end, lone working at height is NOT permitted under any circumstances. For example, before a person climbs above the 2metre level, a second person must be present.

Ladders

No member of staff may use a ladder (other than a step ladder) unless he/she has received appropriate training.

Scaffolding

No member of staff may erect scaffolding (including tower scaffolds) unless they are certified as competent for the task.

All scaffolding (including that erected by Contractors) must be inspected by a person certified for the task before it is used.

Training

Everyone involved in working at height must be competent or, if being trained, is being supervised by a competent person.

Competent Person

The Town Clerk will appoint competent persons within the meaning of this document. Currently the competent persons are to be:

Robert Robinson
Paul McGrath
Gareth Thomas

R A Robinson
Town Clerk
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