

Review of the Work at Height Regulations: ‘2 Metre Rule’

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Project Objectives

1. To carry out an evidence-based review
2. To engage representatives of the Construction Industry in the review
3. To commission research
4. To compile relevant statistical accident and enforcement data

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Sources of evidence:

- Stakeholder Group survey work
- Evaluation of the Work at Height Regulations
- Feedback from HSE's Construction Inspectors
- RIDDOR accident figures

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Conclusions:

- Employers aware of WAHR and that '2 Metre Rule' no longer exists.
- 59% of employers say they had taken positive action to improve safety. Observed by inspectors.
- Increased demand for access equipment.
- RIDDOR shows a 12% reduction in accidents arising from falls across all sectors, (13% reduction in Construction).