



Help To Prevent Dropped Objects

SAVE LIVES

Dropped objects still rank in the top 4 of the UK's workplace killers*

A 18" Pipe Wrench dropped from a height of 6m (3 lifts) and weighing 2.5kg will result in a serious injury or fatality



PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Falling objects accounted for over 5,400 reported non-fatal injuries*

Objects as small as a bolt can cause serious injury or even death when dropped from a higher level and striking an employee working on the ground.

DANGER DROP ZONE - DO NOT ENTER

*Source: HSE's RIDDOR Report

Take Actions to Prevent Dropped Object Incidents

✓ Eliminate the hazard:

Remove objects and tools from higher levels, scaffolding, or aerial lifts that do not need to be there.

Removing objects that can pose a hazard to people working below is the best option to prevent a dropped object incident.

✓ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn at all times when on site. PPE is always a last line of defence.

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✓ Engineering controls:

Cordon (barrier off) zones below higher work levels to prevent personnel from walking into the line of fire of a dropped object.

Install toe board on all work levels to make sure objects and tools cannot easily slide off an edge to a lower level.

Place nets or some type of protective barrier above ground level workers if there is continuous work being performed above a work area.

Secure all tools and objects being used on all work levels and objects that are being used on a higher work level. This limits the object from falling.



If you see a hazard or spot an unsafe act or unsafe condition, **DO NOT** turn a blind eye. Deal with the situation and report it to your supervisor using the Enigma Positive Intervention process.



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