
Authorising Engineer (AE) (Working at Height)

Purpose of Working at Height AE

Safe Systems of Work (SSoW) are a legal requirement for working at height whether it is your own staff or contractors carrying out the tasks. The Authorising Engineer is an independent consultant whose primary role is to ensure compliance with the latest statutory and guidance requirements in relation to SSoW, and in relation to the Working at Height Regulations.

Management who has responsibility for working at heights on their premises must be able to demonstrate that they have safe systems of work, of an appropriate level in relation to the risk exhibited by the system, and with procedures and documents in place. Work at height means work in any place where, if there were no precautions in place, a person could fall a distance liable to cause personal injury.

For example, you are working at height if you:

- are working on a ladder or a flat roof
- could fall through a fragile surface
- could fall into an opening on a floor or a hole in the ground

Employers and those in control of any work at height activity must make sure work is properly planned, supervised and carried out by competent people. This includes using the right type of equipment for working at height.

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Role and duties of the Working at Height AE:

The Working at Height AE is responsible for implementing, administering, monitoring and auditing the working at height safe system of work.

What's included in the role?

- Assess and recommend Authorised Persons (APs), in writing, provide the cover for all systems for which management has responsibility
- Define the exact extent of the working at height areas for which each AP is responsible
- Maintain a register of all APs
- Report to the management any deficiency in the number of APs, where this significantly impairs management's ability to provide a safe and efficient service
- Reviews each AP's operational experience by examining the relevant operating records of the system(s) and recommends refresher training as necessary
- Comprehensive annual audits of the application of the SSoW, including the performance and operational experience of each AP, and the condition, maintenance and statutory compliance of Working at Height areas and associated access equipment
- Distribution of any operational restrictions/safety alerts related to working at height
- Act as an independent technical advisor.
- Assists in the investigations of incidents and accidents involving Working at Height areas or equipment within the AE's sphere of responsibility