



Roof Repairs Safe Working Practices

1. Only workmen who are mentally and physically suitable should work on sloping roofs.
2. Suitable crawling boards or ladders should be used for all work on sloping roofs or where a roof is used for access or egress.
3. Except where the work is not extensive a suitable barrier should be erected at the lower edge of a sloping roof.

NB. Where barriers are not used suitable alternative protection must be provided i.e. safety harness.
4. Crawling boards or ladders must be properly supported and securely fixed or anchored to the sloping surface or over the roof ridge.
5. The fall of materials or articles from sloping roofs must be prevented.
6. Particular attention should be given to all roofs and other areas made of fragile materials. Always use suitable crawling ladders, boards or ductboards.
7. When working near fragile materials erect guard rails or cover the surface with suitable material.
8. Any ladder used for access to a roof must be sound and set up on a firm level footing.
9. Until a ladder is lashed in position it must be footed by a person at its base.
10. A ladder must reach at least 3ft 6ins (1.1m) above the landing platform.
11. Ladders rising to over 30ft (10m) should have an intermediate platform equipped with guard rails and toeboards.
12. Ensure that the correct grade of ladder is used and use a ladder strong enough to carry the weight of loads etc.
13. All dangerous openings must be railed off or suitably covered.