

## WORK AT HEIGHT

### 1 INTENT

To ensure the health, safety, and environmental (HSE) risks associated with working-at-heights activities are effectively managed, to so far as reasonably practicable. This Standard does not apply to fixed platforms, stairways, or walkways equipped with handrails.

Supervisors and Designated Leads are responsible for the implementation and compliance with this Standard. Contractors must establish a documented procedure that meets the requirements of this Standard.

### 2 REQUIREMENTS

If eliminating the risk of a fall by working from the ground is not reasonably practicable, the WHS Regulation requires specific control measures to be implemented where feasible to provide adequate protection.

CS Energy and its contractors must ensure that processes are in place and maintained to comply with relevant legislation, company requirements, and the following codes of practice:

- Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces Code of Practice
- Scaffolding Code of Practice

**The preferred method is to complete work from the ground whenever practicable.**

All work-at-heights activities must be planned to ensure appropriate systems, processes, and controls are in place to identify, assess, and manage fall-related risks. Planning must also consider the safest means of accessing the work area to minimize the risk of a fall.

Scaffolding must be erected, used, altered, and dismantled according to an approved scaffold plan and controlled using a tag system to indicate its fitness for use.

Control measures must be continuously maintained to ensure they remain fit for purpose, suitable for the nature and duration of the work, and correctly installed, set up, and used.

A Permit to Work is required when:

- Plant must be isolated for safe completion of the working-at-heights task
- Work-at-heights activities involve a fall risk of over 2m (for construction work) or where a fall has the potential to cause injury

An appropriate emergency response plan and capability must be in place before working at heights.

Inspection, maintenance, and certification regimes must be implemented for all equipment used in working-at-heights activities, including:

- Fall protection equipment
- Elevating work platforms
- Temporary work platforms or Scaffolding
- Ladders

Appropriate records of inspections and certifications must also be maintained.

### 3 DEFINITION

**Working at height** applies where any of the following are met:

- Working at heights is where a person or other person in the vicinity is exposed to a risk of a fall from one level to another that can cause injury to the worker or other person, including working near unprotected edges.
- Erecting, Modifying and dismantling scaffolding or working from an untagged scaffold.