Falling objects and exclusion zones

About 5 minutes · Read it out, then ask the questions at the end.

> **Why it matters.** A small tool or fixing dropped from height can kill or seriously injure someone below. Most falling objects can be prevented with tidy work areas, tool lanyards and well-controlled exclusion zones.

The hazards

- Tools, fixings and materials dropped from height
- Loose materials blown off scaffolds and platforms
- Loads falling during lifting operations
- People walking under work at height

Stay safe

- Keep platforms tidy and don't stack materials near edges
- Use toe boards, brick guards and netting where needed
- Use tool lanyards when working at height above others
- Set up and respect exclusion zones, and never walk under a suspended load
- Secure materials in windy weather
- Wear a hard hat in areas where things can fall
- Report near misses with falling objects

Ask the team

1. Where on site could something fall on someone today?
2. Which tools should be tethered on this job?
3. Who controls the exclusion zones, and how are they marked?

The law and guidance

Work at Height Regulations 2005 (falling objects). Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.

General guidance to help you give a toolbox talk. It doesn't replace your site's risk assessments, method statements, permits or training. Check it against your own site rules before you give it.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

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Site: Date:

Given by: Company:

By signing, I confirm I attended this toolbox talk and understood it.

Name (print)	Company	Signature	Time

Keep this record with your site's training and briefing records.