High winds and storms

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

> **Why it matters.** Strong winds can blow people off roofs and scaffolds, topple cranes and MEWPs, and turn loose materials into flying debris. Storms can bring lightning and flooding too.

The hazards

- Being blown off balance at height
- Loose materials, sheeting and signs blown about
- Cranes, MEWPs and lifting operations becoming unsafe
- Hoardings, fences and temporary structures blowing over
- Lightning and flooding

Stay safe

- Check the forecast and plan the day around it
- Secure materials, sheeting and waste before the wind picks up
- Stop work at height, lifting and MEWP use when wind speeds exceed the limits
- Check hoardings, fencing and temporary structures after high winds
- Keep away from scaffolds and structures that may be unsafe until they are checked
- Stop outdoor work during thunderstorms and get to shelter
- Report damage straight away

Ask the team

1. What are the wind speed limits for the equipment we use?
2. What needs securing on this site before a storm?
3. Who checks the site after high winds?

The law and guidance

Work at Height Regulations 2005. Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998. Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

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.