

Thameslink Programme

Health & Safety – Good Practice 040

Tethering of Tools / Hard Hats

Overview/Description Redevelopment

A number of previous events have occurred on site at London Bridge that has resulted in either tools or hard hats falling. As a result of the time2focus sessions held on work at height, it was identified that materials falling from height was one of the biggest risks on the project.

With over 150 mobile elevated working platforms available to use at London Bridge it was recognised that even hard hats falling off operatives heads was a risk to those working below.

Whilst other controls have been implemented to manage this risk, one option which addressed the issue of hard hats falling was to wear chin straps. Whilst this is a simple control it is not one that is liked as chin straps can be uncomfortable and people often refer to feeling foolish wearing them as they sit on the chin and feel unnatural.

Key Elements

The tether is simple to use and merely clips onto another part clothing. When starting a shift the hard hat is clipped to an appropriate area which will allow the hard hat to sit comfortably on the operatives head but will remain attached to the lanyard and to the attachment point should it fall of an operatives head.

Benefits

- Easy to use
- More likely to be worn
- Reducing the risk of falling hard hats



Tool tethering basket with individual tool tethers

