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Safe use of prefabricated low level access equipment and mobile towers

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the safe use of prefabricated low level access equipment and mobile towers.

2 Scope

This Guidance applies to London Underground (LU) staff working in the Chief Operating Officer's (COO) Directorate.

3 Introduction

Work at height is defined in the Work at Height regulations as any height from which if a person fell from, they could be injured, even if it is at or below ground level. London Underground has a legal duty to ensure that the risks from work at height activities to its employees and others, such as contractors are adequately controlled.

There is a hierarchy of control measures that should be used to reduce the risk of injury from work at height activities. These are:

- Avoid the need to work at height, for example by using extending equipment from the ground
- Prevent falls using appropriate access equipment such as work platforms, rope access or ladders
- Reduce the distance and consequences of a fall should one occur

The control measures adopted will be dependent on the results of the Work at Height risk assessment.

3.1 Planning the work

Prior to the commencement of any work activity involving work at height a risk assessment should be carried out. The risk assessment should be completed by a competent person, who has the relevant experience, training and knowledge of the work activity.

The risk assessment should identify:

- The hazards
- The risks
- The control measures required to minimise the risk of injury from the work at height activity such as training and experience of staff, maintenance of work equipment

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