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SECOND HALF | PREVENTION



FALLING OBJECTS
PROTECT PEOPLE BELOW

Before working above others, protect the area below.

1. Hazards and risks

Hazards: Loose tools, screws or materials at height.

Risks: People struck, serious injury and property damage.

2. Before you start

- Assess who may pass or park below.
- Plan how to isolate and protect the area below.
- Check that objects are stored and secured.

3. Stop and report

- A person or vehicle enters the danger zone.
- A barrier is removed or an object is not secured.
- An object falls: stop, move away and report.

4. What to do: four prevention steps



Assess
Identify the area that could be struck.



Isolate
Prevent access to the area below.



Organise
Use suitable retention systems for objects.



Check
Keep the area isolated throughout the task.

5. Choose the right preventive measure

Situation	Preventive measure
Tools	Use suitable, compatible tool-retention systems.
Small parts	Store in a closed, stable container.
Area below	Cordon off and control access; protect others.
Head protection	A helmet does not replace preventing objects from falling.

Good practice: The exclusion zone depends on the task, height, objects and local conditions. Do not throw materials; plan a safe way to move them.

6. FORTNIGHTLY ACTION Before the next task at height, check how to prevent tools and parts from falling and how to protect people below.

SECURE OBJECTS • ISOLATE • CONTROL

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