

Advice Note – Edge Protection of Structures



These Advice Notes have been prepared in order to share current good practice with respect to various construction activities

- Minimum sufficient protection is at least two rows of horizontal bars, the top bar being approximately 1metre in height above ground and bottom bar being approximately 0.5metre above ground level
- Ensure all accessible edges of structures are adequately protected
- Edge protection needs to be strong and securely connected, capable of resisting forces resulting from an individual falling against it
- Edge protection should be upright and continuous containing no gaps

- Edge protection should not terminate at the end of the height drop, but should continue for at least 1.5metre past the end of the height drop
- Edge protection should be installed and maintained by competent personnel only

For further information refer to Regulation 103 (2) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007

See overleaf for examples...

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Unsafe Practices



Good Practices



This document contains examples on good practice which are not compulsory but which you may find helpful in considering what you need to do.

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