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| «Always safe» - a checklist for leaders from the industry collaboration alwayssafe.no |
| Prevent falling objects during work at heights |
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| Equinor, Vår Energi and Aker BP have established a common annual wheel for important, cyclical topics – including falling objects. This checklist was developed based on inspiration from the SfS *handbook to prevent falling objects*, as well as actions taken after unwanted incidents and experiences from previous learning packages in the annual wheel. |
| ContextScaffolding work and work at height are risky. A *dynamic falling object* (FO), is an object falling down due to an external force and poses a significant safety challenge.  | Preparation for sampling and spot checks In order to verify according to this checklist, you will need to consider the following: * Make a selection of active work permits and check scaffolding and/or work at height.
* Take with you: SFS ‘Handbook to prevent falling objects’, illustrating best practices.
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| # | Assessments | Observation | Action description |
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| 1 | Good practice when working at height, and securing tools and equipment at height A good framework for working at height is an important factor in reducing the potential for falling objects. Check the following for those working at height when you verify:Checkpoints – The framework for the job* Have all requirements in the work permit been met before start of work?
* Are the barriers sufficient? What if something falls and changes direction on its way down?
* Is there sufficient control that tools that have been brought up at height, are also being brought back down?
* Are barriers marked with owner and date?
* Is there a need for safety nets? If yes; are they properly placed, and intact without damage?
* What is the work team’s experience with the working at height procedures?

Checkpoints – Securing tools* Was there performed a pre-use check of tools securing and fastening performed? If yes; what was the result of that check?
* Are all tools and equipment secured against falling, both during transport and when working at height?
* Are home-made methods in use, or is everything in accordance with the SFS handbook?
* Could loose objects fall out of pockets or similar?
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| 2 | Checking height storage unitsA well-equipped tool cabinet/box containing the correct tools/equipment for working at height is an important aid in avoiding falling objects. Cabinets/boxes must be well organized to give good overview and make it easy to count/check its contents. Check the following: Checkpoints * Does every cabinet/box have a clear table of contents?
* Is there a withdrawal log for the cabinet/box, and is it being used?
* What is the status at the time you check the cabinet/box?
* Are the tools in the cabinet/box in compliance with the SfS handbook?
* Is there a logging routine for taking out/replacing tools in the cabinet/box, and is the work team familiar with it?
* What is done if tools are missing according to the table of contents/ log? Will this trigger a search?
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| 3 | Use of fall safety equipment / harnessCheckpoints * Do operative personnel have the necessary competence in the use of fall safety equipment?
* Is the equipment in order and properly certified?
* Has a buddy check been performed?
* Rescue plan?
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| 4 | Use of stairs, ladders and railsCheckpoints* Are stairs/ladders/rails that are being used for the job in good condition and in compliance with requirements?
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| Performed by  | Date | Installation | Synergi reference |
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