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## WORKING AT HEIGHT COURSES

Select Health and Safety Ltd offer a Working at Height course with prices starting from just £30 per person. Discounts available for bookings of 10-12 persons.

## RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk assessments undertaken on working at height.

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## Ladder Exchange Initiative

### Working at Height

Working at height continues to be one of the highest accident categories in the workplace and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have launched a national campaign to further raise the issue of safe working at height. HSE are asking employers to re-visit their safety procedures for working at height to ensure that these remain effective. Furthermore this campaign continues on the successful and prominent "Shattered Lives" theme and a promotes the "Ladder Exchange Initiative" under which if you have a ladder which is bent, broken or battered you can part exchange it for a new one at any one of HSE's partner outlets who are offering discounts on the sales of all ladders at very competitive rates. Further information can be found on HSE's website. [www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm)

There appears to very few new accidents when it comes to falls from height. Without effective arrangements in place for safe working at height, the training and education of employees and a total commitment from employers and employees alike these statistics are not likely to improve. Not only is there pain and suffering for those involved in such accidents as well as their families but there is the potential enforcement action and civil claims that may result from poorly and inadequately planned and managed work practices.



Safety management, and dealing with the risk of all work activities in a common sense and practical manner therefore makes good business sense all round. A safe business is more likely to be a profitable one. It's a good time to think about your work activities, especially those that involve working at height and to review your procedures.

## Asbestos Update

The HSE have also published a very informative and interactive area on their website on the dangers of asbestos, what its is, where it can be found and how to handle it. It is recommended reading and is entitled the "Hidden Killer Campaign" and can be found here [www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/hiddenkiller/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/hiddenkiller/)



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