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Work at Height

Risk Assessment

RESOURCE BROCHURE



1. Introduction

- 1.1 The fundamental cornerstone of an organisation's health and safety arrangements is the identification of potentially hazardous areas and activities, together with the health and safety risks to people involved in each of those areas and activities, having regard to health and safety law (Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Regulation 3).
- 1.2 Where work is carried out at height, every employer shall take suitable and sufficient measures to prevent, so far as is reasonably practicable, any person falling a distance liable to cause personal injury.
- 1.3 On occasions a specific work at height risk assessment will be required in addition to the health and safety risk assessment. Usually this will be undertaken where the site is considered 'high risk' i.e. those properties where there is routine work at height involving complex machinery such as motorised gantry and cradles. Properties where there is routine abseiling operations would also fall into this category.

2. Vantify Consultancy's Approach

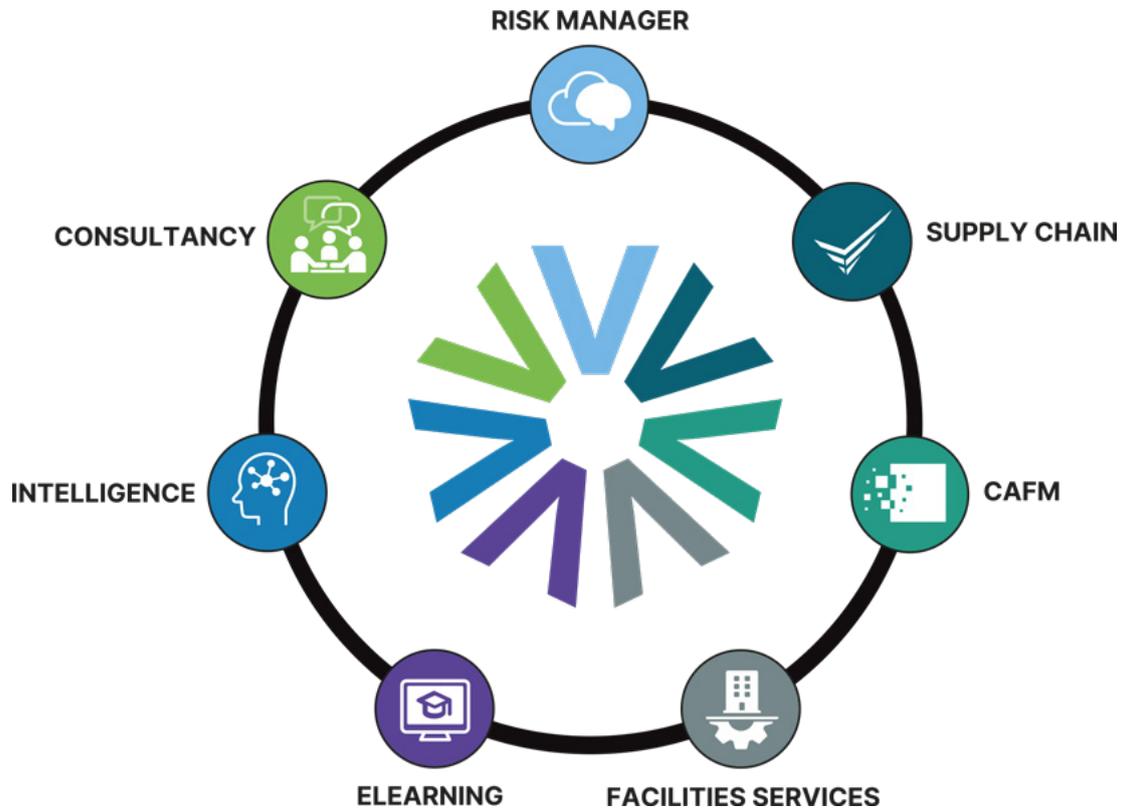
- 2.1 Vantify Consultancy will conduct a work at height Risk Assessment in line with the requirements of Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW Regs) and the Work at Height Regulations 2005. The MHSW Regs require that a suitable and sufficient risk assessment be undertaken. The risk assessment must identify all relevant statutory health and safety failings pertaining to the site and to identify the necessary preventative and pro-active steps to correct these.
- 2.2 In addition to failings noted on site the risk assessment report will also identify all the areas of potential risk checked and assess performance against each and all of these areas.
- 2.3 Vantify Consultancy will identify the nature of the issue, the location of the issue and what action is necessary to resolve the issue. Where applicable the recommendation will also detail what legislation / guidance has been contravened.
- 2.4 The site visit will include a review of all relevant site paperwork and existing procedures before the risks are assessed during a survey of the site.
- 2.5 All work at height assessments undertaken will consider as a minimum, but are not limited to, all of the following aspects, where applicable (**the following list provides an indication only and is not exhaustive. The full list of hazards to be covered must be established through effective hazard analysis**):
 - Equipment used for work at height including suitability, condition, servicing testing and maintenance.
 - Planning and organisation of work at height activities including a full and detailed review of risk assessments and method statements for suitability and sufficiency.
 - A detailed review into the competency of contractor organisations and operatives conducting work at height (where witnessed).
 - A detailed review of records and logbooks associated with work at height.

3. Report Format

- 3.1 A full written report will then be issued electronically. The format of the risk assessment will include the following areas:
 - An introduction and executive summary
 - An effective scope of works to include what areas of the site have been included within the assessment as well as those areas of the site that have been excluded with an explanation why.

- A full and detailed description of the site, the employees and contractors employed on site as well as activities undertaken and systems in place.
- A schedule of site responsible persons and contact details
- Reference to compliance with all relevant Legislation, EU Directives, British Standards, Approved Codes of Practice or Employer Standards that relate to the site and are in force at the time of visit.
- Details of all risk / compliance areas assessed including site / consultant specific comments against each area – both negative and positive.
- Details of all hazards / non-compliances identified during the assessment and any appropriate remedial actions that are needed to control these to a satisfactory level.
- A determination of the risks resulting from hazards, failings or activities undertaken on site, and those who are affected by the risks.
- An outline of the control measures already in place and prioritised actions or recommendations for improving those controls to further reduce identified risks.
- A determination of the residual risk that would exist should any identified remedial actions be completed.
- A schedule of prioritised recommendations.
- A photo report; to include photographs of all hazards and areas of poor plant / system condition where this is possible.

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