**Emergency Rescue Guidelines**

When establishing emergency procedures, you should consider the following:

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| **CONSIDERATIONS** | **QUESTIONS** |

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| **Location of the work area** | * Is the work at height being undertaken in a remote or isolated place? How accessible is it in an emergency and how far away is it from appropriate medical facilities?
* Can the rescue of a person after an arrested fall be provided immediately, without the need to rely on emergency services?
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| **Communications** | * How can workers working at height communicate in an emergency?
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| **Rescue equipment** | * What kinds of emergencies may arise? The provision of suitable rescue equipment will depend on the nature of the work and the control measures used, for example, an emergency rapid response kit with man-made fibre rope, according to AS/NZS 4142.3 *Fibre ropes—Man-made fibre rope for static life rescue lines*.
* Selected rescue equipment should be kept in close proximity to the work area so that it can be used immediately.
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| **Capabilities of rescuers** | * Are rescuers properly trained, sufficiently fit to carry out their task and capable of using any equipment provided for rescue (e.g. breathing apparatus, lifelines and fire-fighting equipment)?
* Have emergency procedures been tested to demonstrate that they are effective?
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| **First aid** | * Is appropriate first aid available for injuries associated with falls?
* Are trained first aiders available to make proper use of any necessary first aid equipment?
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| **Local emergency services— if they are to be relied on for rescue** | * How will the local emergency services (e.g. ambulance) be notified of an incident?
* What is the likely response time?
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