

Prevent Falling Objects

Working at Height



Causes

- Poor housekeeping and poorly secured equipment
- Dropped hand tools if there are sudden or unexpected movements such as a spanner slipping off a nut
- Vibration, corrosion & environmental conditions such as wind, corroded fastening.
- Unnecessary distraction/lack of attention
- Not following lifting plans or procedures
- Striking against or colliding with objects

Preventing Objects from Falling

- Risk Assessment - Before you start any task, consider the potential for falling objects
- Discuss potential of falling objects during the tool box talk meeting
- Inspect the work area for loose fixtures and fittings which can dislodge at the beginning and end of every work shift
- Ensure maintenance and periodic inspection of tools
- Use mats/canvas sheets if there is a risk of small objects penetrating through scaffolding gaps and gratings
- Workplaces and toolkits should be kept organised and tidy. Store in toolbox when not being used
- Use toe-boards on scaffolding
- Carry tools in a proper tool belt - NOT in coverall pockets
- Use lanyards when there is an increased risk of dropping hand tools to lower levels
- Always return tools back to the stores at the end of the shift
- Use barricades below the work area to keep people out of the danger zone

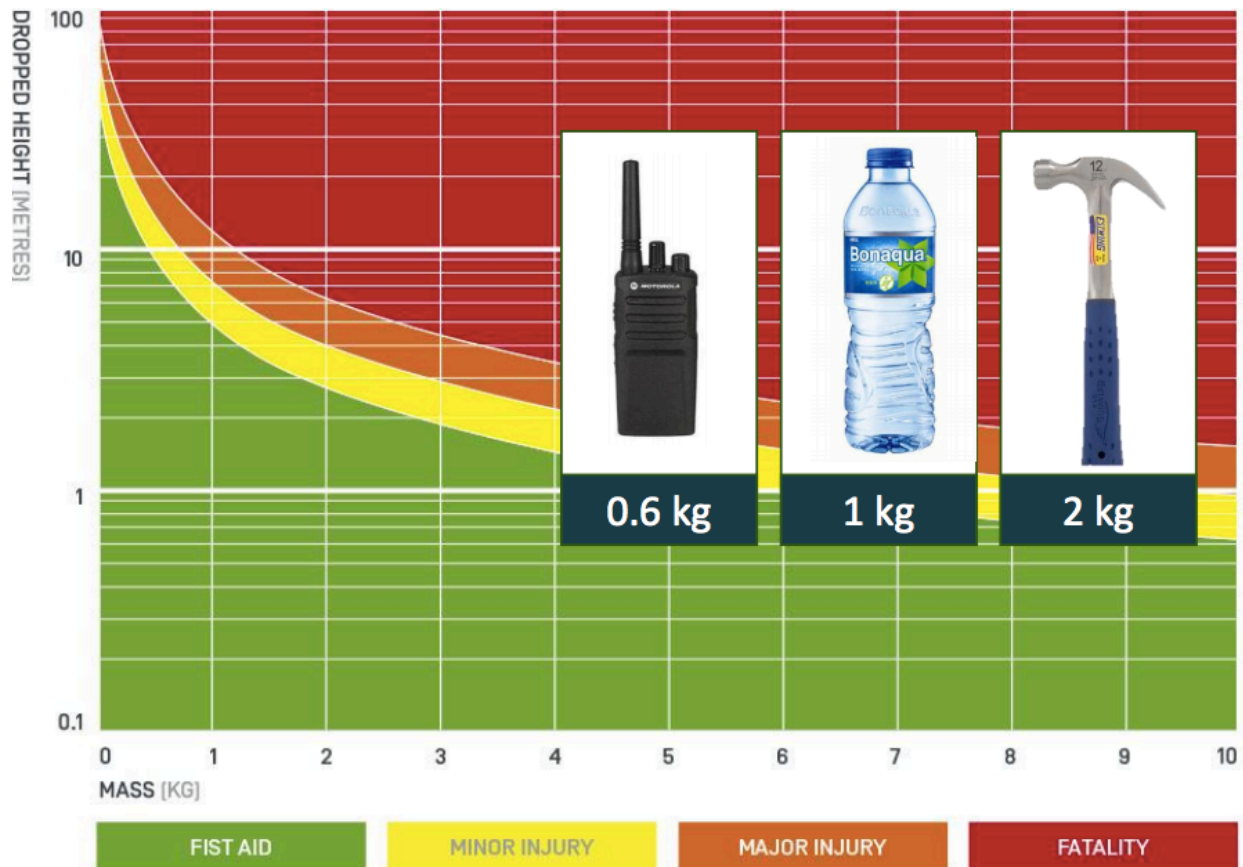
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One drop can end a life, ruin a family, finish a business



Tool Tethering

