

Tool Tethering

Designers can design to reduce the use of the tools at high level or over public or peopled areas but often this is unavoidable . Any tools being used at height need to be anchored against dropping.

- Lanyards, tethers along with connectors must always be used in between the tools and belt or bag.
- There needs to be a safety provision in between the tool and tethering system on the belt or bag.
- Wrist straps should only be used if they provide protection against injury caused by de-gloving.
- When there is a need for more tools, a tool bag / belt with structural anchorage loops must be used.
- If required, log tools in and out on a tool register, to make sure that no tools are left at height. Ensure barriers are in place below the work area and make sure the extent of the barrier area is appropriate for the work being done at height.
- Make sure that any grating is safe and make use of mats and temporary covers where there is the possibility of small items falling through gaps.
- Wherever scaffolding must be used, make sure toe-boards are fitted.

