

Man falls off roof in Edinburgh.....(nearly)

✖ This was the scene today on a rooftop in Elder Street ,on the east side of the Bus Station.

So what is wrong with this?

Apart from the high-vis jacket , the roofing worker was wearing no other safety gear, and did not appear to be taking any other safety measures to stop himself falling from the four storey building. Onlookers reported he slipped down the roof just before this photograph was taken.

We may often complain about Health & Safety but this young man could have been a statistic today.

The [HSE website](#) advises:-

There is a simple hierarchy for managing and selecting equipment for work at height. Duty holders must:

*avoid work at height where they can;
use work equipment or other measures to prevent falls where they cannot avoid working at height; and
where they cannot eliminate the risk of a fall, use work equipment or other measures to minimise the distance and consequences of a fall should one occur.*

The Regulations include schedules giving requirements for existing places of work and means of access for work at height, collective fall prevention (e.g. guardrails and working platforms), collective fall arrest (e.g. nets, airbags etc), personal fall protection (e.g. work restraints, fall arrest and rope access) and ladders.