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# Maximum Permissible Gaps

It is paramount for all persons working above a safety net that any gaps in the netted area be reduced so far as is reasonably practicable.

In most cases by installing nets to the bottom of a rafter there should be no gaps between the edge of the net and the structure, as shown opposite.

Where this is not achievable then gaps should be no more than 100mm i.e. (1 mesh).

In exceptional circumstances (i.e. around large diameter service pipes or heating ducts etc.) larger gaps may be unavoidable. In these circumstances a maximum permissible gap of 225mm is acceptable.

On 'very rare' occasions where a gap greater than 225mm is unpreventable, then additional safety measures must be implemented by those working above the net in that particular area.

In these situations the Safety Net Rigger should record any such instances and a description of why this situation is unavoidable on the Safety Net Handover Certificate (or equivalent documentation).



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