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Attaching Safety Nets to Temporary Edge Protection

The issue of providing protection to roof overhang details is one that should always be considered by the Design Team within their duty under the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations.

Where no consideration has been given to how the gap between the structure and the perimeter guardrails will be protected then a solution must be agreed between the relevant parties involved.

An example of a solution is for a Safety Net to be attached onto the guardrail and slung underneath the roof overhang as shown in the photograph above.



To determine if Safety Nets are permitted to be attached to the temporary edge protection the Installation Company must ensure that the following 5 key points below are complied with:

1. The 'temporary roof edge protection' system should be designed & installed in accordance with the Work at Height Regulations 2005 & BS EN 13374
2. If Safety Nets are forming a part of the 'temporary roof edge protection' system, in addition to item 1, the system should also be designed & installed to take the loads specified in accordance with BS EN1263-2.
3. It is the responsibility of the 'temporary roof edge protection' system installer to provide a design and test report of the system being installed to the Principal Contractor or the Client representative responsible for temporary works.
4. It is the responsibility of the 'temporary roof edge protection/safety net' system installer to provide drawings/diagrams and installation guidelines to enable the Rigger/Installer to rig the system to the correct specification.
5. BS EN1263-1 (Type S) Safety Nets are the only nets that should be used in this application.



NB: This symbol illustrates an indicative 'edge protection' system with a safety net slung underneath the roof overhang and not that the protection shown is approved or recognised by FASET.

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