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## Removal of Safety Nets by Third Parties

A rigged safety net system is provided as primary fall protection and must **NEVER** be adapted, altered or tampered with in any way. Any adjustments to a handed over safety net system should only be carried out by a competent person (typically this is recognised as being a Blue CSCS Skilled Worker Card holder – Safety Net Rigger).

In a limited number of occasions, permission may be granted for third parties to de-rig a safety net. This should only be undertaken with the written permission from the Safety Net Rigging company and only when the work above the nets has been completed.

Upon receiving permission from the safety net rigging company, Site Management will need to consider who they appoint as the competent person to carry out the task. They must arrange for an appropriate Risk Assessment and Method Statement to be in place. The risk assessment should include (but not be limited to):

- Ensuring that safety net attachments of any adjacent nets are not affected, loosened or untied during the activity
- Where a MEWP is to be used, that the Operator is competent in its use (IPAF PAL card or similar)
- That the operator is familiar with the emergency controls / plan
- The MEWP is suitable for the ground conditions and any entrapment risks

The serial numbers of the dismantled safety nets should be recorded and given to the Safety Net Rigging company along with confirmation of any damages noted.

The safety nets and attachment devices should be packed in a tidy manner and stored off ground, away from UV and any other harmful contaminants.

Once the safety nets and attachments have been collected from site, the safety net rigging company will report any damage back to site who will have 7 days in which to inspect and agree / disagree the scale of any damages found.



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