Roof Safety Survey

BUILDING 8

Version 4
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1 Introduction

The following document outlines the Roof Safety Survey (RSS) for Building 8 of the University of Wollongong located at Wollongong Campus Northfields Avenue Wollongong NSW 2522.

2 Purpose

This RSS is to be used as a general guideline to provide awareness and control measures for site personnel and contractors when accessing various roof areas. Personnel must make an assessment prior to accessing the roof. Should there be any potential for falls, all personnel must ensure the necessary fall prevention systems are utilised and operated in a “fall restraint” working mode. All ends users of Fall arrest equipment must be trained to a level of national recognition. All work practices and systems operations must be identified and documented in the risk assessment and safe work method statement.

3 Disclaimer

This document should be used as a general guide for roof access purposes only. Items detailed within this document were in situ at the time of inspection and may change. End users must use caution and evaluate the conditions as suitable to themselves.

Riverlands Roofing and Waterproofing (Louey Models Pty Ltd) accepts no responsibility for the actions of persons accessing these areas and or legislative compliance of fittings and fixtures of the site.
4 Roof Area Aerial Photo Zone Layout

Zone:
- Main Roof
- North Eastern Roof

Legend:
- Highlighted Zone Areas
- Main Roof Access Door
- Eastern Alternate External Roof Access Steps
- North Eastern Roof Access Ladder
5 Risk Management

5.1 Risk Matrix

This risk assessment matrix below must be used reviewing in context with the University’s Risk Management Guidelines.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Consequence</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Likelihood</th>
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<tr>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>Death or extensive injuries</td>
<td>Almost Certain</td>
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<tr>
<td>Major</td>
<td>Medical treatment</td>
<td>Likely</td>
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<tr>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>First aid treatment</td>
<td>Possible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minor</td>
<td>Injury report, no treatment</td>
<td>Unlikely</td>
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<th>Step 1 – Consider the Consequences</th>
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<td>What are the consequences of this incident occurring? Consider what could reasonably have happened as well as what actually happened. Look at the descriptions and choose the most suitable Consequence.</td>
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<th>Step 2 – Consider the Likelihood</th>
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<td>What is the likelihood of the consequence identified in step 1 happening? Consider this without any existing controls in place. Look at the descriptions and choose the most suitable Likelihood.</td>
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<th>Step 3 – Calculate the Risk</th>
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<td>1. Take step 1 rating and select the correct column</td>
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<td>2. Take step 2 rating and select the correct line</td>
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<td>3. Circle the risk score where the two ratings cross on the matrix below.</td>
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<td>H = High, M = Medium, L = Low</td>
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Risk control is a method of managing the risk with the primary emphasis on controlling the hazards at source. For a risk that is assessed as “high”, steps should be taken immediately to minimize risk of injury. The method of ensuring that risks are controlled effectively is by using the “hierarchy of controls”.

The Hierarchy of Controls are:

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<tr>
<th>Order No.</th>
<th>Control Type</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<tr>
<td>Firstly</td>
<td>Eliminate</td>
<td>Removing the hazard, eg taking a hazardous piece of equipment out of service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Secondly</td>
<td>Substitute</td>
<td>Replacing a hazardous substance or process with a less hazardous one, eg substituting a hazardous substance with a non-hazardous substance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thirdly</td>
<td>Isolation</td>
<td>Isolating the hazard from the person at risk, eg using a guard or barrier.</td>
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<td>Fourthly</td>
<td>Engineering</td>
<td>Redesign a process or piece of equipment to make it less hazardous.</td>
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<td>Fifthly</td>
<td>Administrative</td>
<td>Adopting safe work practices or providing appropriate training, instruction or information.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sixthly</td>
<td>Personal protective equipment</td>
<td>The use of personal protective equipment could include using gloves, glasses, earmuffs, aprons, safety footwear, dust masks.</td>
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For more information on risk management visit: https://www.uow.edu.au/about/services/safe-at-work/whs-framework
## 5.3 Contractors Risk Assessment

The below tables have been populated by the University with known hazards that may be applicable for roof work.

All contractors are required to establish their own risk assessment and SWP/SWMS/etc specific to each task they perform, taking into account hazards that may not have been identified by the University.

### Assessment of Hazards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hazard No.</th>
<th>Description of Activity/Service Item</th>
<th>Description of Hazard (What has potential to cause injury or damage to property/environment?)</th>
<th>Current Controls (What is in place today that controls the risk? List any control measures already implemented)</th>
<th>Risk rating (With current controls in place)</th>
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### Risk Control

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<th>Hazard No.</th>
<th>Additional Control Description (What should be done in the future to control the risk? What can be done to eliminate or further reduce the risk?)</th>
<th>Control Type (Elimination, Substitution, Isolation, Engineering, Administration, PPE)</th>
<th>Person Responsible</th>
<th>Risk rating (With additional controls in place)</th>
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6 Roof Safety Survey Building 8

6.1 Building 8 General Information

Note: Before commencing any work obtain Roof Permit from Facilities Management Division

Building:
University of Wollongong Campus Building 8

Description:
Building 8 is a multi-story low-pitched metal and concrete roof with services including air conditioning units, roof ventilation ducts, fume cupboards, antenna and fiberglass skylights.

SafetyNet Risk Assessment Reference Number:
- UOW 01591

Roof Access:

Main Roof Access
- Access to the main roof area is via the buildings internal stairwell. The main roof access door is located 1 flight of stairs from the top of the stairwell east facing.
- Alternate access to the main roof area is via an external metal staircase located on the eastern side of the building which has a locked metal gate.

North Eastern Roof Access
- Access to the north eastern roof area is via a fixed ladder located in the behind the air conditioning units on the north eastern side of the roof area.

Signage:
- Various restricted areas

Compliance Plates:
- Data Plate for Lifelines & Anchor point data tags

Height of Building:
- Multi storey

Pitch:
- < 5 degrees

Roof Construction:
- Concrete & Metal construction
Structural Integrity:
- Sound

Vegetation:
- Yes (Western & Eastern building have trees growing over the roof area)

Fall Arrest System:

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<th>System</th>
<th>Certification Status</th>
<th>Certification By</th>
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<tr>
<td>Various Anchor Points</td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Riverlands Roofing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Horizontal Lifelines SALA Sayf8gida Lifeline (Manufacturer’s User Manual in link below)</td>
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<td>Riverlands Roofing</td>
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(End users must follow manufacturer’s instructions and use compatible attachments. More specifically, the connection system for horizontal lifelines Sayf8 or Sayf8gida 12 must use the ss130 shuttle device)

Services:
- Gutters
- A/C Units
- Ducts
- Roof Ventilators
- Fume Cupboards
- Fiberglass Skylights

- Telco Towers
- Satellite Dishes
- Pipework
- Cooling Tower
- Antenna
- Roof Top Solar Panels

Existing Safety Systems:
- Horizontal Lifelines
- Vertical Lifelines
- Walkway
- Anchor Points
- Handrail
- Parapets

Work Activity & Frequency:
- Clean gutters/routine maintenance – 6 months
- Service A/C plant- monthly
6.2 Building 8 Safety Systems Aerial Photo Layout

The following aerial photo indicates access points and safety systems layout.

Legend:

- **MA**: Main Roof Access Door
- **AE**: Alternate Eastern Roof Access Steps
- **FL**: Fixed Ladder Access
- **Anchor Point**
- **Lifeline (SALA Sayfglida)**
### 6.3 Building 8 Roof Photos

#### Main Roof

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<th>Photo</th>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Building 8 Main Roof with fixed ladder access to metal roof area" /></td>
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### North Eastern Roof

- Building 8 North Eastern Roof access point with fixed ladder
- Building 8 North Eastern Roof area with lifeline & exhaust stack *(Certification by Riverlands Roofing Status Current)*
- Building 8 North Eastern Roof area with roof exhaust stacks

### Alternate Access Steps

- Building 8 Alternate Main Roof access point. Metal staircase external to building with locked gate
- Building 8 Alternate Main Roof access point. Metal staircase external to building
- Alternate Main Roof access point. Metal staircase external to building
7 Program Evaluation

Conditions that might warrant a review of the guidelines on a more frequent basis would include:

- changes to the roof
- change in the relevant legislation or Australian Standards
- organisational needs or WHS Committee concern.

8 Related Documents

- Managing the Risk of Falls Guidelines
- Working at Heights Rescue Plan
- Roof Access Permit
- Roof Access Procedure

9 References

9.1 Legislation

- NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 Part 4.4 Falls
- NSW Public Health Regulation 2012
- Public Health Amendment (Legionella Control) Regulation 2018

9.2 Australian Standards

- AS 1657: Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders - Design, construction and installation
- AS 1891.1: Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices - Harnesses and ancillary equipment
- AS 1891.2: Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices - Horizontal lifeline and rail systems
- AS 1891.3: Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices - Fall-arrest devices
- AS 1891.4: Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices - Selection, use and maintenance
- AS 2210.1: Safety, protective and occupational footwear - Guide to selection, care and use
- AS 3666: Air-handling & Water Systems for Buildings - Microbial Control
- AS 4994.1: Temporary edge protection - General requirements
- AS 4994.2: Temporary edge protection - Roof edge protection - Installation and dismantling
- AS 5532: Manufacturing requirements for single-point anchor device used for harness-based work at height
- AS 2550.10: Crane, Hoists and lifting equipment. section 5.9

9.3 Codes of Practice

- Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces (SafeWork NSW)
- NSW Guidelines for Legionella Control in Cooling Water Systems
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11 Appendix A: Sample Images

Before contractors use any Fall Arrest System (lifeline or Anchor point) users must complete the following:

- Locate the fall arrest systems data plate or data tag.
- Validate that the system is current and that a yearly certification has been completed.
- Complete a personal visual & physical inspection of the system.
- Users must never exceed the MAX LOAD or USERS of the system.

Fall Arrest System Data Plate

Anchor Point Data Tag