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ATLAS Publishes Guidance on Working at Height in Wind

The Association of Technical Lightning & Access Specialists (ATLAS) has today published guidance entitled ***Wind Guidance Note for Working at Height***, which has been developed by M J Fuller & Associates and reviewed by ATLAS' Council and Safety & Access Committee. The document is primarily intended for Steeplejack and Lightning Conductor Engineers, but elements of the guidance will be useful to others who work at height.

Falls from height are the single biggest cause of fatalities for workers across all industries. One of the major uncontrollable risks of working at height is working in poor weather conditions, a prime condition being high winds. The new ATLAS guidance document has been developed to minimise risks associated with working in windy weather conditions by educating the reader in wind behaviours, and better enabling them to assess when work is safe to proceed.

With reference to the requirements of the Work at Height Regulations 2005, the guidance aims to assist with understanding wind and its behaviour, provide an on-site point of work risk assessment and advise on what tools can be used for recording and measuring wind. The note refers to a number of published documents on the risks of working at height, but one of the key objectives of the document is to provide simple guidance which does not overload the reader.

When planning any project involving work at height, clients should consult the new guide in conjunction with other relevant standards and guidance. ATLAS is committed to encouraging best practice by providing up to date information to its members and the wider industry.

ATLAS Honorary Life Vice President, Mike Fuller, said:

"It is vital that those working at height are equipped with up-to-date, technical guidance to ensure the correct safety measures are in place to minimise risks. However, it is also important that the published guidance notes are coherent and simple to understand. The core principal of this document was to simplify and compile existing guidance on working at height in wind to enable operatives to assess their working conditions accurately."

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Notes to Editors

1. The Association of Technical Lightning & Access Specialists (ATLAS) has been representing the leading organisations in the lightning protection and specialist access industry since 1946. At the forefront of all industry developments, ATLAS is committed to improving working practices, technical excellence and the skills of the workforce to provide the highest quality service to the industry's clients.
2. ATLAS, as a member of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), funds and inputs into the All Party Parliamentary Group on Working at Height, which is lobbying the Government on the prevention and reduction of workplace deaths as a result of falls from height.
3. The *Wind Guidance Note for Working at Height* was developed by M J Fuller & Associates and reviewed by ATLAS Council and Safety & Access Committee.
4. The *Wind Guidance Note for Working at Height* is available to download from the ATLAS website under the Guidance section.
5. When planning work at height in wind, employers are advised to consult the following:

    - Work at Height Regulations 2005
    - HSG33:2012 (Health and Safety in Roof Work)
    - BS7985:2013 (Code of practice for the use of rope access methods for industrial purposes)
    - BS EN 1991-1-4:2005+A1:2010

6. The Health and Safety Executive's report on *Workplace Fatal Injuries in Great Britain, 2019*, is available here.
7. M J Fuller & Associates is a consultancy company including services such as CDM advisor, expert witness and accident investigation.