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Working at Heights

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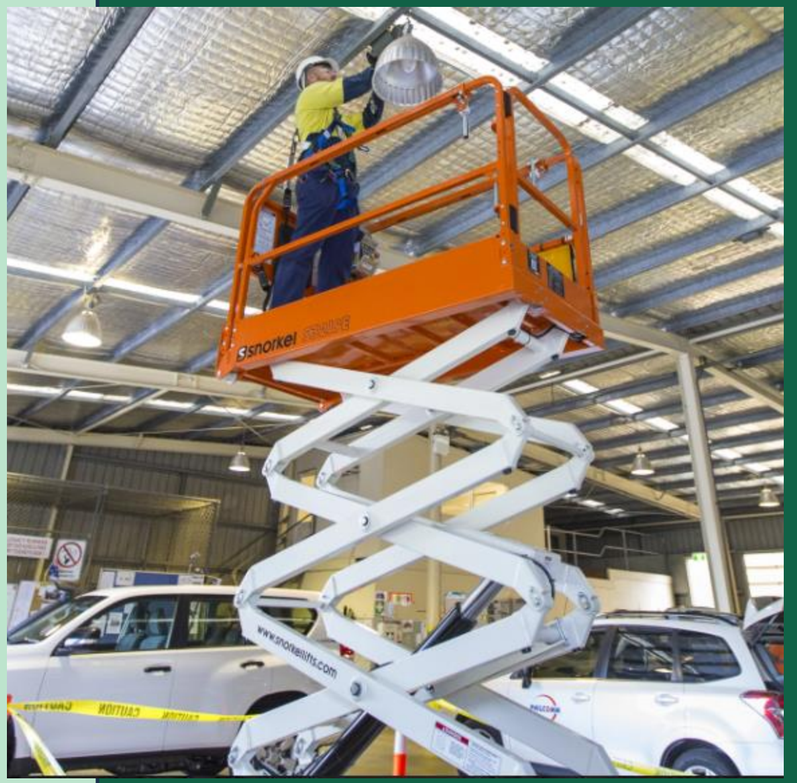
Working at height isn’t just on roofs — it includes ladders, platforms, and plant rooms. Most incidents happen during quick jobs where the risk feels low. Every height job needs planning, the right equipment, and solid controls.

Primary Risks & Hazards to Spot

- Falls from ladders, roofs, or elevated work platforms
- Fragile or uneven surfaces
- Unprotected edges or skylights
- Poorly maintained or unstable access equipment
- Dropped tools or materials striking people below
- Weather and fatigue affecting stability or judgement



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When was the last time you checked anchor points or platform certification?

What shortcuts do people take when “it’ll only take a minute”?

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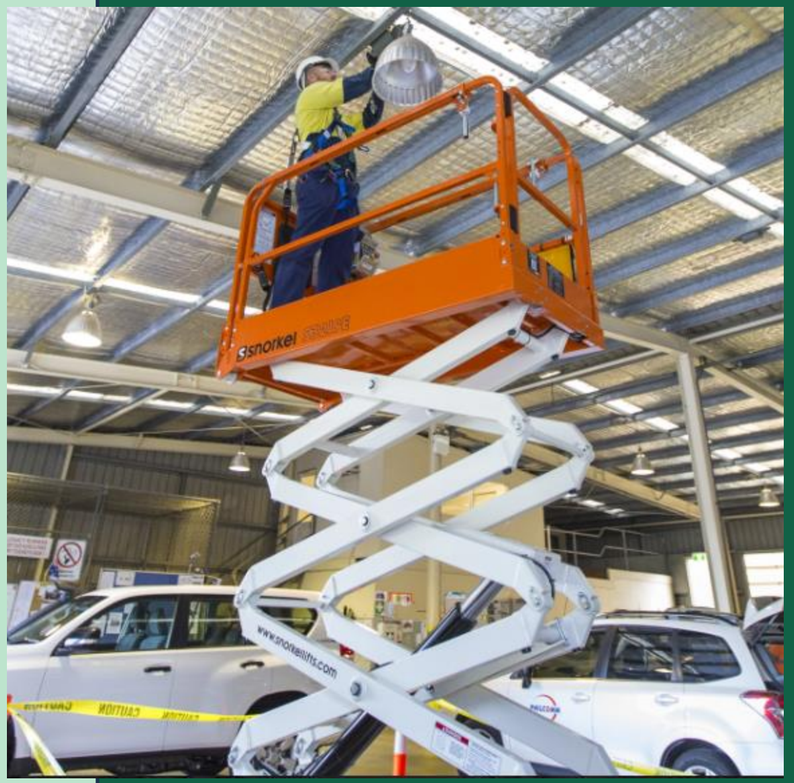
Critical Controls

- Complete a Working at Heights permit before starting
- Use the right access method for the task — avoid makeshift setups
- Inspect ladders, harnesses, and anchors before use
- Maintain 3 points of contact; never overreach
- Exclude and barricade the drop zone below
- Secure tools and equipment against drops
- Stop work during high winds or wet conditions



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What’s your process if you find an anchor or ladder tag missing?