

Let's Talk Safety

#2 Falling or dropped objects

There are a number of controls that can prevent falling or dropped objects, make sure they are in place and working properly.



Think about it



Talk about it



Act on it

- **Access control:** manage access to dangerous or high-risk areas through the use of barricades, demarcation and signage in all areas where there is a risk of injury from falling or dropped objects
- **Edge protection:** platforms should have edge protection to prevent objects falling from them.
- **Use proper devices** to lift loose items or to store loose items at height (e.g. use cradles, toolboxes, etc.) this can include installation of nets and mesh.
- **Head protection** to be worn by all on site.
- **Working at Heights:** use lanyards to secure tools and equipment.
- **Bad weather** can cause difficulties for outdoor work, with wind blowing equipment off platforms. If the weather is particularly severe, you may have to postpone or stop work and remove all loose items from the work area.

- Discuss how good housekeeping includes looking out for and catering for falling or dropped objects.

- Conduct a **SLAM:** Identify what incidents could result from each hazard and what controls or practices are missing in order to manage the hazard/s.