Working safely at heights flowchart

START

Can the work be done avoiding working at height?

- **Yes** → Avoiding work at a height is a safer option such as using long handled tools for painting
- **No** ↓

Are you working at a height where a fall can cause you harm?

- **No** → **Most falls from a height can potentially cause harm.** Please review safe working at a height guidance before proceeding
- **Yes** ↓

Are you working below 2m?

- **Yes** → A podium step or suitable ladder may be appropriate → Review the task for safety and consider factors including but not limited to: duration of work; frequency of work; type of work (ie light or heavy); need to transfer loads to a height; work conditions; other activities in close proximity, equipment availability etc.
- **No** ↓

Are you working within 2m of a live edge?

- **Yes** → **STOP. You need to be sure the edge is protected to prevent a fall.** If no edge protection is in place you must take measures to avoid a fall. Workers near a live edge must wear fall constraint equipment or as a last resort fall arrest equipment.
- **No** ↓

A podium step, MEWP or mobile scaffold should be considered for use as the safest equipment. You may be asked to justify your reasons for not selecting the correct equipment.

MEWP or mobile scaffold not selected. → A suitable ladder has been identified as a safe option.

A ladder is safe to use

Carry out a ladder working risk checker.

You must work safely using a ladder. A safe method of work must be followed that implements all control measures indentified in the risk checker.

Podium steps

Carry out the podium step risk checker.

You must work safely using a podium step. A safe method of work must be followed that implements all control measures identified in the risk checker.

Mobile scaffold

Carry out the mobile scaffold risk checker.

You must work safely using a mobile scaffold. A safe method of work must be followed that implements all control measures identified in the risk checker.

MEWP

Carry out the elevated work platform risk checker.

You must work safely using a MEWP. A safe method of work must be followed that implements all control measures identified in the risk checker.

Carry out a working on a ladder risk checker.

You must work safely using a ladder. A safe method of work must be followed that implements all control measures identified in the risk checker.