Roof Safety and Edge Protection Inspection Checklist

Site / Project		**Address**	
Inspector name		**Company**	
Date		**Time**	

Documentation aid only. Adapt this resource to the site, manufacturer instructions, and applicable local requirements. It does not replace a competent person, professional judgment, legal advice, or a required statutory form.

Jurisdiction: Adaptable. Covers OSHA 29 CFR 1926.501 (US) and UK Work at Height Regulations 2005 (WAHR). Adaptable to other jurisdictions. Apply only the section and thresholds for the governing jurisdiction; do not combine US and UK requirements as if they were one code.

Inspection checklist

Inspection header

Site name and location

Inspector name and date

Roof area / zone inspected

Weather conditions

Edge protection systems

☐	Guardrail top rail height: OSHA 42 inches (±3) / UK WAHR minimum 950mm	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Intermediate (mid) rail: installed midway between top rail and walking level	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Toe boards: minimum 3.5 inches (89mm) high (OSHA) / 150mm (UK)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:
☐	Load resistance: withstands 200-lb downward and outward force (OSHA)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes:

Gap between top rail and intermediate rail / toe board: ≤ 470mm (UK)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:

Fall arrest systems

Anchorage points: structurally sound, capable of 5,000 lbs per employee (OSHA)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Anchor positioning: directly above work area (minimize swing fall)	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Connectors: self-closing and self-locking carabiners / snap hooks	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:

Roof hazards

Skylights: covered, secured, marked with 'HOLE' or 'COVER'	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Holes >6 feet above lower level: protected	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Leading edges: fall protection plan documented if guardrails impossible	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Roof surface condition: slippery, wet, damaged areas identified	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:

Access and egress

Ladders / stairs: secure, properly angled, extending above landing	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Roof hatches: self-closing, guarded when open	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:

Inspection frequency and follow-up

Daily inspection: Yes / No	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Inspection after high winds / heavy rain: Yes / No	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Defects noted with location and description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Corrective action assigned	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:
Inspector signature	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes:

Findings

#	Item	Location	Severity	Action required
1				
2				
3				
4				
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Signature

Inspector signature _____ **Name** _____

Date _____

References consulted

OSHA 29 CFR 1926.501 – Duty to have fall protection

UK HSE – Work at Height Regulations 2005

OSHA 29 CFR 1926.502 – System planning and criteria

UK HSE – Work at height: the law (INDG401)

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