

Statutory basis: Work at Height Regulations 2005; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15, and reg 29 (prevention of risk from fire, flooding or asphyxiation); on occupied buildings, the responsible person's fire risk assessment under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; the Joint Code of Practice, 10th edition (2022) incorporating Amendment 2 (2025), and HSE HSG168 (3rd edition, 2022) for hot works when heat-shrinking. This document is the recorded safe system of work required by HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Fixing, maintaining and removing temporary weather protection on a building under construction or being re-clad — sheeting over exposed insulation and structure, covers over window openings and slab edges, and heat-shrink wrap — including work at open edges and from facade access, wind on sheets fixed to the structure, the fire risk of temporary materials, and storm checks.

This document does not cover: sheeting and encapsulation of scaffolds and temporary roofs (KD-RAMS-SC-006), the permanent breather membrane in the approved build-up (KD-RAMS-CL-001), and temporary weatherproofing behind a remedial strip (KD-RAMS-CL-005).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Falls at open slab edges and window openings while fixing covers

At risk: Installers

Controls: Covers fixed from inside, behind edge protection, wherever possible; edge protection removed only bay by bay for fixing, with harness restraint to rated anchors, and reinstated before moving on; a cover is never relied on as edge protection.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Falls from facade access — mast climbers, MEWPs, scaffold

At risk: Installers

Controls: Access per the facade access plan: mast climbers and MEWPs by trained operators; harnesses where the platform requires; no climbing on rails or brackets; gates closed; SWL of platforms respected with panel weights counted.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Sheets caught by wind — installer pulled off balance, sheets and battens torn free

At risk: Installers, people below, the public

Controls: Sheets fixed in manageable widths, in the sequence the supplier's instructions give, with laps arranged so wind cannot get under them; handling stops at the wind limit set for sheet work; battens and fixings at the centres the supplier or the site's temporary works arrangements state; loose or flapping sheets taken down rather than chased in rising wind.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Wind load from sheeting overloading what it is fixed to

At risk: Everyone around the building

Controls: Sheetting never tied to edge protection, scaffold or unfixed frames unless whoever designed that equipment has allowed for the wind load; fixed to the structure at the agreed positions; anything that would load a scaffold referred to the scaffold contractor first.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Combustible temporary materials on the facade — fire spreading up the building

At risk: Occupants, neighbours, firefighters

Controls: Temporary sheeting of a flame-retardant grade where the site fire risk assessment requires it; on occupied re-clads, the extent and materials agreed against the responsible person's fire risk assessment for the building; combustible temporary protection limited to what the programme needs; no combustible storage against sheeted faces; the site fire plan updated with sheeted areas.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Heat-shrink guns — hot works on the facade

At risk: Installers, the building

Controls: Gas-fired heat guns used only under a hot works permit, with the controls the Joint Code of Practice and HSG168 set — extinguisher at hand, combustibles cleared or protected, cylinders secured, fire watch after the last heat; electric heat tools used instead wherever they do the job.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

7. Storm damage — covers torn off and blown onto the public*At risk: The public, site users*

Controls: Before forecast high winds, covers checked and re-fixed or taken down; after storms, checked before general access; torn sheets removed by installers from proper access, never left hanging.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

8. Removing covers and sheets for the permanent works*At risk: Installers, people below*

Controls: Covers removed in step with the permanent work from the same protected positions; battens and fixings lowered, never dropped; waste bagged and removed daily.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL H/...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 Agree the extent, materials and fixing positions with the principal contractor, including the site fire risk assessment and, on occupied buildings, the responsible person's.
- 02 Confirm edge protection, anchors, facade access and the wind limit for sheet handling.
- 03 Check the forecast and plan the day's extent to what can be fixed before a break or weather change.
- 04 Fix opening covers from inside where possible, one bay at a time, with restraint where edge protection is opened.
- 05 Fix face sheeting in the supplier's sequence, laps turned so wind cannot get under them, battened to the structure — never to edge protection or scaffold unless allowed.
- 06 For heat-shrink, obtain the hot works permit, set out the extinguisher and fire watch, and shrink in sections.
- 07 Inspect the protection daily and after storms; repair or remove damaged sheeting.
- 08 Keep combustible storage away from sheeted areas and tell the site fire plan holder of new sheeted zones.
- 09 Remove protection in step with the permanent works, lowering battens and waste.
- 10 Record what was installed, where, and when it was removed.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE**5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

- Temporary sheeting (flame-retardant where the fire risk assessment requires)
- Battens, fixings and tapes
- Electric heat tools, or gas heat-shrink guns under permit
- Restraint anchors and lanyards
- Facade access per the access plan
- Extinguishers

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS**COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS****6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST**

- Head protection
- Safety footwear
- High visibility
- Gloves — task-rated
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Harness restraint at open edges

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED**7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS**

A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.

KD-PTW-WH-006 — Work at Height Permit

For the facade access and edge working.

PERMIT NUMBER

KD-PTW-HW-001 — Hot Works Permit

Before any gas heat-shrink gun is lit.

PERMIT NUMBER

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KD-PTW-FW-002 — Fire Watch Certificate

After heat-shrinking, as the hot works permit requires.

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT
HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

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