



## CLC News Release

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### **CONIAC produces essential messages on safe work at height**

Safe work at height is a major consideration for construction in 2022 as the industry moves forward with the Construction Leadership Council's Road to Recovery programme. To promote safe working at height, CLC supports the work done by the Construction Industry Advisory Committee (CONIAC) which has produced a set of concise guides that are applicable to any work at height activity.

Collectively, the six 'Safety Steps' guides provide designers, clients, managers, supervisors and operatives across the industry with targeted, essential messages on how to safely manage work at height. The guides have been produced by the CONIAC Managing Risk Well group, which includes representatives from leading industry bodies including employers, consultants and trades unions.

With the country's focus on providing new buildings and infrastructure, along with retrofitting for Net Zero Carbon in both residential and commercial sectors, it is vitally important that the industry understands and effectively manages the risks involved with working at height. This is particularly important when considering the planned increase in work in retrofitting domestic premises.

'Safety Steps' provides essential, industry-agreed, content to help to create any type of output, such as training courses, toolbox talks, infographics, webinars, guides or safety campaigns. The guides provide this key content in one place – saving considerable time and effort when looking for the key safety messages and making it a valuable, long-term reference for the industry.

According to Paul Reeve of engineering services alliance Actuate UK, who chairs CONIAC's WAH sub-group said: *"Safety Steps has been produced by the industry, for the industry. It's an excellent reference for anyone looking to better manage working at height, or for checking current work at height messaging or guidance"*.

#### **Notes for editors**

Everyone involved in ensuring safe work at height is encouraged to refer to 'Safety Steps' which is hosted by the Access Industry Forum and is free to download here: <https://accessindustryforum.org.uk/guidance/safety-steps>

#### **About the Construction Leadership Council (CLC)**

The CLC's mission is to provide sector leadership to the construction industry. The expanded CLC has twelve workstreams that operate collaboratively to address the biggest issues facing the sector, focused on the Industry Recovery Plan. Workstreams include skills and inclusion, building safety and business models. The CLC is co-chaired by Lee Rowley MP, Minister for Business and Industry, and Andy Mitchell CBE, CEO of Thames Tideway.