Omega Red Group Ltd

Omega Red Group is pleased to present its Height Safety business division covering:

- Design and Installation
- Test and Inspection
- Personal Protective Equipment
- End User Training
Height Safety from Omega Red Group

At Omega Red Group, our commitment to protecting those who work at height is an on-going process and the completion of any fall protection installation is just the beginning of our service. To ensure end user protection and compliance with the Work at Height Regulations (2005), Omega Red Group is an approved installer of the Latchways™ product range and a specialist in the design, supply, installation and testing of height safety and access systems.

Falls from height remain one of the major causes of RIDDOR reportable accidents and to help reduce this figure, the Work at Height Regulations (2005) identifies a series of duty holders who have a responsibility for ensuring end user safety. These duty holders are:

- Architect/Designer
- CDM Coordinator
- Client/Building Owner
- Facilities/Property Manager
- Health and Safety Manager
- Principal and Sub-Contractor

The Work at Height Regulations (2005) identify a ‘Hierarchy of Risk Management’ to help duty holders manage the risks associated with working at height. These are to:

1. **Eliminate the risk** - Locate plant and equipment in safe locations where there is no risk of a fall.

2. **Guard the hazard** - Provide a parapet or guardrail to eliminate the fall hazard such as Latchways™ VersiRail.

3. **Protect the worker** - Accept that the environment presents a risk of a fall from height and so protect the worker by means of a fall arrest or fall restraint system such as the Constant Force® fall protection system.

Omega Red Group has an experienced and highly-skilled Height Safety division to ensure our customers meet their responsibilities as duty holders in accordance with the Work at Height Regulations (2005) and to guarantee fall protection and safety for those who work at height. To do this, Omega Red Group offers the full range of Latchways™ fall protection solutions including:

- Latchways™ ManSafe® Fall Protection systems
- Walkways including WalkSafe®
- Guardrail - both freestanding and fixed
- Eyebolts including PushLock™ Eyebolts
- Personal Protective Equipment

Omega Red Group is able to carry out detailed risk assessments on your premises or can work from drawings to find the most effective and efficient solution to protect the end user. We know that every project is unique and that is why we take the time and care to ensure that every hazard is identified and guarded against. We believe in finding the safest, most cost-effective solution that is appropriate to the building.
Latchways Fall Protection Systems

Omega Red Group is proud to be an approved Latchways™ installer of the market-leading range of fall protection products. Latchways™, a UK manufacturer widely regarded as pioneers within the fall protection marketplace, offer the definitive range of fall protection and Omega Red Group’s product offering boasts the following:

Latchways™ ManSafe® Systems - Latchways Constant Force® cable-based fall protection systems are compatible with virtually all major roof sheet manufacturers and provide the individual with the ultimate personal protection solution. Used in conjunction with personal protective equipment, the Constant Force® system can be used in both fall restraint and fall arrest situations.

The Latchways Constant Force® post has an integral energy absorbing coil that, in the event of a fall, deploys in a controlled manner to absorb the force generated. In doing so it ensures that the load exerted on the point of attachment will not exceed 10kN and so allows the post to be fixed to a relatively delicate structure without the additional requirement to attach to structural steel or purlins.

Handrails - Fixed or freestanding handrails can offer the end user the simplest form of collective protection against fall hazards. Handrail solutions are ideal for situations where access is required by a high number of people.

Walkways - Walkways can provide a level anti-slip surface and form a designated route for workers to follow. Walkways can be used in conjunction with either handrail or a cable-based ManSafe® system to provide additional stability and safety for workers.

Eyebolts including PushLock™ Eyebolts - Eyebolts are often used to provide an internal fixed anchor to which a worker can confidently attach a safety harness and lanyard whilst carrying out external works such as window cleaning or maintenance.

For more information on Omega Red Group’s comprehensive fall protection services, to obtain a quotation or to request a visit from a designated Account Manager, please call our Height Safety Division on 0871 540 6667.
At Omega Red Group, our commitment to protecting those who work at height is an on-going process and the completion of any fall protection installation is just the beginning of our service. Omega Red Group understands its role as a duty holder in accordance with the Work at Height Regulations (2005) in ensuring total safety to those working at height. We will do our utmost to ensure that the end user is suitably protected from any potential risks and hazards.

Regulatory standards for working at height, including BS EN 795, BS EN 7883 and the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations, state the following:

- Cable based fall protection systems should be tested every 12 months
- PPE should be inspected every 3-6 months dependent on usage
- Eyebolts should be tested every 12 months
- Abseil Anchors should be tested every 6 months

Through a detailed understanding of the Regulatory standards involved in protecting the end user, Omega Red Group has developed a test and inspection service that goes as far as to arrange the works for our clients.

Omega Red Group has a dedicated administration team who will contact you prior to the expiry date of the fall protection system certification and advise you of any costs associated in carrying out the inspection. We will then find a suitable time and date when we can attend site and carry out the works.

Any fall protection systems that have either fallen outside of their service date or have endured a fall must not be used until they are re-certified and approved by a competent person.

Prior to attending site, we will prepare all relevant health and safety documentation including task specific method statements and risk assessments to ensure that the works are carried out in a safe manner with as little interruption to our clients’ normal operations as possible. Whilst on site we will inspect and certify the following:

- Fall Protection Systems
- Specific End User Equipment
- Training Logs
- Rescue Plans (where applicable)

Following the test and inspection of the fall protection systems, Omega Red Group provides test certificates and a detailed report documenting any remedial works required to restore the systems to a legally compliant state. Within this report, we will also list any recommendations for improving the overall access strategy.
Personal Protective Equipment

At Omega Red Group, we understand that a fall protection system is only as good as its weakest element, and that is why we offer the finest quality personal protective equipment (PPE) and end user training.

Omega Red Group now offers a range of harnesses, lanyards, and attachment devices to ensure that the end user is afforded the utmost in comfort and style whilst safely working at height. All of our harnesses conform to EN 361:2002, whilst our lanyards comply with EN 354:2002.

Any operative required to wear personal protective equipment in relation to working at height must be suitably trained in its safe use. Omega Red Group offers a range of training courses designed to ensure operatives remain safe whilst using such equipment in the course of their work.

Rescue Equipment

Regulation 4 of the Work at Height Regulations (2005) places a requirement upon employers to make specific provisions for emergency planning. The employer must ensure that the planning of all work at height includes for emergency and rescue. To simply state in a risk assessment that the emergency services will be called is not enough!

To ensure that rescue and emergency situations are at the forefront of your work at height planning, Omega Red Group offers a range of personal rescue equipment for both conscious and unconscious casualties including the GOTCHA kit and the Latchways Personal Rescue Device.

The Latchways Personal Rescue Device is a lightweight, unobtrusive integrated harness system for self-rescue. This revolutionary product contains a self-rescue parachute style rip-cord that gently lowers the faller to the ground over a controlled descent.

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End User Training

Omega Red Group is able to provide professional solutions for our customers within fall prevention, evacuation and rescue at heights. To ensure those who work at height are suitably protected from the hazards associated with this type of work, Omega Red Group offers an extensive range of courses covering a number of working and rescue at height situations.

We specialise in developing solutions that will ensure the safety of our customers based strictly on their needs. What is important to us and our customers are factors such as high quality, comfort, practical and safe usability, approved and flexible solutions and systematic inspections by qualified personnel.

Omega Red Group offers standard and customised courses, with the latter based on the customer’s needs. Our courses are designed to ensure the participants attain the skills and qualifications necessary to work safely at height and to rescue injured personnel.

The key aims of the Omega Red Group training courses are:

- To prevent falls
- To teach good understanding of height safety and equipment methodology
- To lower or lift personnel in the event of an emergency
- To evacuate or rescue personnel from or in high structures, including tower cranes

As part of our commitment to protect those who work at height, Omega Red Group offers the following end user training courses:

- Basic training (operative level)
- Advanced training (manager/supervisor level)
- Rescue Course
- Dual Course
- Inspection Course
- Competency at Height

All of the Omega Red Group training courses have been developed based on the real-life site experiences of organisations and their employees in order to develop the best rescue training by far.

Our typical training course consists of a detailed PowerPoint presentation and a comprehensive ‘on the system’ training session ensuring operatives are familiar with the equipment they will be using on a regular basis.

All courses focus on relevant height safety and cover all aspects of training to cover companies and their employees in adherence to the Work at Height Regulations (2005).
Training Course Overview

Basic Height Safety Course

Basic applications such as wearing a harness can actually be misleading and therefore can lead to serious injury (if not death) if a fall were to happen. This simple but life-threatening action can easily be rectified with the correct training.

Omega Red Group offers high quality training where participants are taught about the basic concepts of working with all fall protection equipment found on sites today.

The course has been designed with operatives in mind with more time spent using the equipment than in the classroom. Upon successful completion of training, managers and supervisors can have peace of mind that their operatives have been trained safely and will be using their safety equipment correctly.

Advanced Height Safety Course

The Advanced Height Safety Course has been designed for those who plan, supervise or organise work at height as this course covers the trades and specific working methodology found on today’s work projects.

Good knowledge with regard to working at height is important in all organisations. The Work at Height Regulations (2005) state that managers must be able to identify what fall protection equipment is found on site and whether the equipment is being used correctly by their workforce. Managers need to have confidence that employees required to work with personal protective equipment are able to use it safely and with minimum supervision.

Omega Red Group will provide attendees of the Advanced Height Safety course with the relevant knowledge relating to the legal aspects of working at height so that they will be confident to go back to their premises knowing how to identify good or bad practice and also how to rectify any potential problems.

Rescue Course

Omega Red Group offers a detailed and comprehensive Rescue Course which has been developed in line with major changes in legislation including the Work at Height Regulations (2005). Many companies do not realise that it is a legal requirement to have some form of rescue plan on site and that this rescue plan must be sufficient to enable the rescuer to either retrieve or lower a conscious or unconscious casualty and to ensure that the aftercare given will be of a standard to potentially save the casualty’s life.

At Omega Red Group we pride ourselves on our simple but very effective courses. The Rescue Course focuses on practical delivery so that, upon completion of the course, attendees will be able to either lower or raise a casualty depending on what type of situation is in front of them.

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