

To whom it may concern

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Andrew Lee

Andrew has worked on the tools as a window cleaner and runs his own successful business, he takes the lead on health and safety matters on behalf the National Federation of Master Window and General Cleaners (NFMW&GC) trade association.

He has considerable recent relevant experience in working with HSE on work at height safety issues and ladder safety. Throughout he has been constructive in his approach

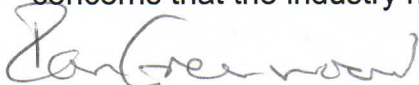
He represented the NFMW&GC, the industry generally and ladder users in particular, on HSE's external users consultative group which helped to develop proposals for the Work at Height Regulations - which implement the EC's Temporary Work at Height Directive, and related guidance.

Similarly, he was closely involved and consulted by HSE about research into ladders stability devices (see HSE Web site <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr205.htm>) and the guidance material on ladder use which is now being finalised to accompany the new Regulations.

He has also worked closely with HSE in the development of free specific guidance for window cleaners and the safe use of ladders, which resulted in HSE's free Information Sheet MICS613.

He has recently joined the British Standards committee that deals with ladder issues, BSI B/512 committee, to represent his trade association and the views of ladder users. This committee is involved with the work of CEN TC 93 who are currently revising the European ladders standard EN131.

He has been helpful and informative in keeping HSE abreast of views and concerns that the industry has on ladder safety and work at height issues.



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