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Red7Marine places the highest importance on safety, health and environmental management on all projects. Our personnel are trained to a high standard and they are provided with the required knowledge and experience to perform the applicable task in a safe manner.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 impose a hierarchy of controls, namely to (i) avoid work over water, (ii) prevent falls in to water by the use of solid or rigid handrails, (iii) the use of life jackets is the last line of defence and must not be relied on as the first option.

When being hired-out, all flat-top barges and floats will be provided with the necessary handrail posts and sockets, steel wire rope, bulldog clips and tensioners to ensure the end user has the necessary means of preventing falls when operating on our equipment. Unless the end user has requested that they fit the handrail system, in this case just the vertical posts will be fitted.

Jack-up barges will be fitted with either solid handrails or steel wire rope protection with tensioners, to prevent falls. Rope installed as a handrail is ineffective and will not prevent a fall from occurring. Therefore Red7Marine will not use rope as a means of fall prevention.

When working on flat top barges in port, which are fully hand-railed with gangways connected and secured to suitable bollards, there will be no requirement to wear life jackets.

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