

## **Legislative requirements**

The OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT NO.85 OF 1993 provides for the health and safety of persons at work in South Africa. One of the provisions of the legislation requires an employer to protect workers against the risk of falling from heights. This legal requirement is relatively simple with the minimum requirements for a fall arrest device effectively being a full body harness, a lanyard and a secure attachment point for the lanyard. Working at heights = working at 2 meters or more above the floor.