

## **Protection against falling objects—important points**

1. Adequate protection against falling objects, such as nylon meshes and catch-fans, should be provided. Regular inspection of this equipment should be carried out to ensure proper functionality i.e. that they do not contain any gaps, holes or accumulated debris.
2. Building contractors are required to incorporate full height temporary protective barriers to all lift shaft openings to avoid personnel and/or objects from falling during construction.
3. Covered walkways should be provided to protect workers and pedestrians from falling objects.
4. All working platforms and floor edges should be provided with toe-boards to prevent materials from falling from height.
5. Workers should be provided with tool straps to help prevent materials and hand tools from falling from height.
6. All workers should wear properly fitted safety helmets that conform to international safety standards and are still within their stamped expiry date.