

## FASET Top Ten Do's and Don'ts for Safety Net Use

DO's	DONT's
<b>Do</b> ensure you use competent safety net rigging companies, with relevant experience. e.g. FASET member companies (listed on the FASET website <a href="http://www.faset.org.uk">www.faset.org.uk</a> ).	<b>Don't</b> allow the use of nets unless there is evidence of appropriate inspection & maintenance regime and UV testing within the last 12 months.
<b>Do</b> ensure you use competent safety net riggers (CSCS FASET Trained).	<b>Don't</b> allow the use of nets unless a competent person has verified there is sufficient clearance distance (rule of thumb no less than 3m).
<b>Do</b> ensure that methods of access for work at height have been properly assessed, and the safest method reasonably practicable has been chosen.	<b>Don't</b> allow work above nets without evidence that any repairs have been carried out by a competent person authorised by the manufacturer.
<b>Do</b> carry out a formal inspection if nets are in place for more than 7 days, or subjected to extreme weather conditions. A visual user inspection should be carried out prior to working above the safety nets.	<b>Don't</b> allow work above nets which don't have serial numbers or labels.
<b>Do</b> ensure that all materials are secure before lifting/craning above a safety net.	<b>Don't</b> allow workers to use the nets as a means of access or working platform.
<b>Do</b> ensure that a handover certificate is completed prior to allowing works above a safety net.	<b>Don't</b> attach nets to any structure without first confirming it has the capacity to deal with a minimum 6kN loading at a 45° angle.
<b>Do</b> ensure that nets are struck prior to any hot works being carried out above.	<b>Don't</b> allow gaps >100mm unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise (in these cases not >225mm).
<b>Do</b> report any damage to a safety net.	<b>Don't</b> tamper with or adjust any nets and attachment points.
<b>Do</b> ensure all falls into a safety net are reported to site management and FASET 0207 397 8128 or by email <a href="mailto:enquiries@faset.org.uk">enquiries@faset.org.uk</a> . Ensure the supervision of the loaded nets removal from service.	<b>Don't</b> allow work above net systems which have been damaged or loaded.
<b>Do</b> ensure that the safety nets used conform to BSEN 1263 Part 1 :2002 and are rigged in accordance with BSEN 1263 Part 2 :2002.	<b>Don't</b> allow work above the net if it is positioned >2m from the working level.

**Note:** The above list is by no means exhaustive, but highlights key points about the correct use of safety nets. More information is available through safety net inspector training courses from FASET approved training centres.