

prBS 7985, Code of practice for the use of rope access for industrial purposes

The British Standards Institution (BSI) has published a draft revision of BS EN 7985, for public consultation¹ (<http://drafts.bsigroup.com/Home/Details/51040>).

This standard, when read in conjunction with BS ISO 22846-1: 2003 and BS ISO 22846-2: 2012, gives practical advice on the duties placed on employers, employees and self-employed people who use specialist rope access methods for work at height, and gives recommendations for good practice.

The new edition has been prepared following the publication last year of BS ISO 22846-1 and BS ISO 22846-2. In the new edition of BS 7985 the general, widely applicable advice now given in BS ISO 22846-1 and BS ISO 22846-2 has been omitted and BS 7985 just provides details to *supplement* the two BSI ISO standards

The first edition of BS 7985, published in 2002, was based on the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association (IRATA) *Guidelines on the use of rope access methods for industrial purposes*, which represented a number of years of close co-operation with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). It included contributions from the Federation of Master Steeplejacks and Lightning Conductor Engineers (since renamed the Association of Technical Lightning and Access Specialists).

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