







## Conclusion

The manual handling of roof panels should be the exception rather than the norm. Efforts should be made to investigate if the work activity can be organised to allow the use of mechanical or other means to avoid or reduce the need for the manual handling of loads by employees in the workplace. It is necessary to evaluate the controls that are feasible for each situation.

Consultation is necessary to ensure that all parties are working together to determine whether the recommended control measures are practical, to solicit feedback on other possible controls and to ensure the effective implementation of the plan of action.

The introduction of any control measure such as a mechanical aid or a new work layout means the introduction of a new system of work. Therefore a new system of work must also be assessed to ensure that any new hazards are identified and controlled.

The improvements or solutions suggested in this factsheet are not exhaustive and it may be feasible to develop an alternative solution to meet the specific needs of your business without having a negative impact on the health of the people involved in the handling activity.



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