

MATS: BASIC TOWER CLIMBING & RESCUE

What does the scheme cover?

The Mast and Tower Safety (MATS): Basic Tower Climbing & Rescue scheme is designed to support the safety of those individuals who work on towers and masts in the telecommunications and broadcast industry. It provides a framework to support consistency and relevance in training provision and assessment of competence.

Developed in collaboration with the industry Mast and Tower Safety (MATS) Group, the scheme recognises the skills and underpinning knowledge required to safely and competently climb and undertake rescues from towers and masts. This scheme covers the minimum training and assessment required for those working safely on masts and towers and incorporates the relevant requirements of HSE legislation.

Who is the scheme for?

The scheme is for all individuals whose role requires them to climb masts and towers and work at height. The scheme is for those both new to climbing and rescuing, and those who already work in a relevant role and who are looking to refresh/maintain their level of competence and skill.

Duration of training

The MATS Basic Tower Climbing & Rescue scheme consists of two parts, an initial training programme and a renewal training programme:

- 1 Initial training programme**
The initial programme consists of 3 consecutive days of training covering legislation, HSE, equipment and practical climbing & rescue activities.
- 2 Renewal training programme**
Renewal training is a 1-day mandatory programme to update on legislation, HSE, and equipment, placing a focus on practical climbing & rescue activity.

Energy & Utility Skills Register – EUSR Registration

Individuals successfully completing the programme qualify for registration on EUSR for Basic Tower Climbing & Rescue. EUSR registration on this scheme is valid for one year from the date of training and assessment programme completion. Registrations for this scheme will be open from 1 January 2020.

Benefits

- Industry standards for climbing masts and towers will ensure that individuals and companies have a clearer, agreed view of the requirements of tower climbing and rescue
- A more competent and confident workforce will be more health and safety aware and productive
- Practical/flexible learning programmes enable different learning styles to be catered for and developed
- Occupationally experienced trainers ensure that individuals and companies receive the right level of delivery and support

Find Out More

If you have any queries relating to this scheme or EUSR, please contact the EUSR Support team.

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